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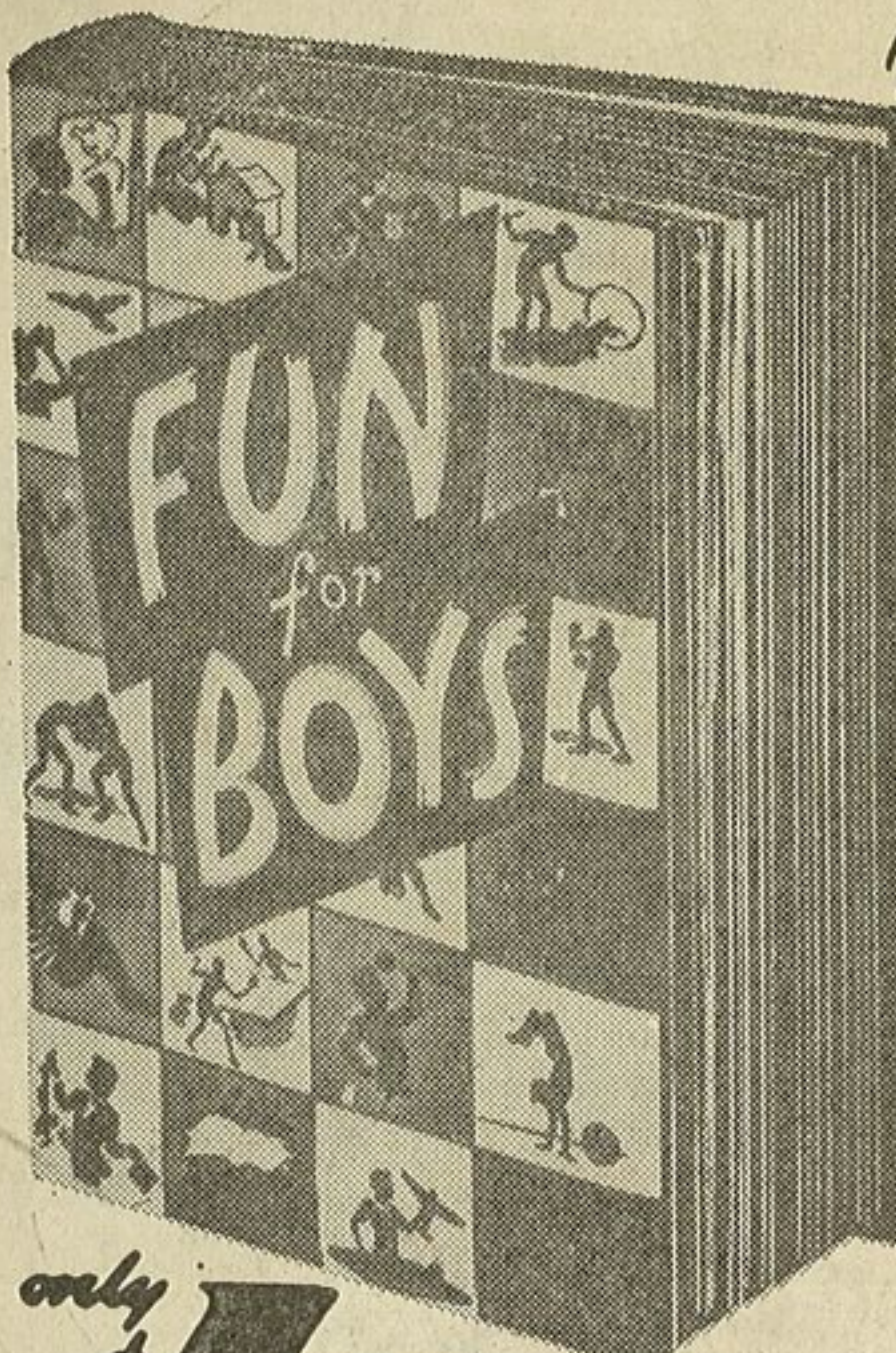
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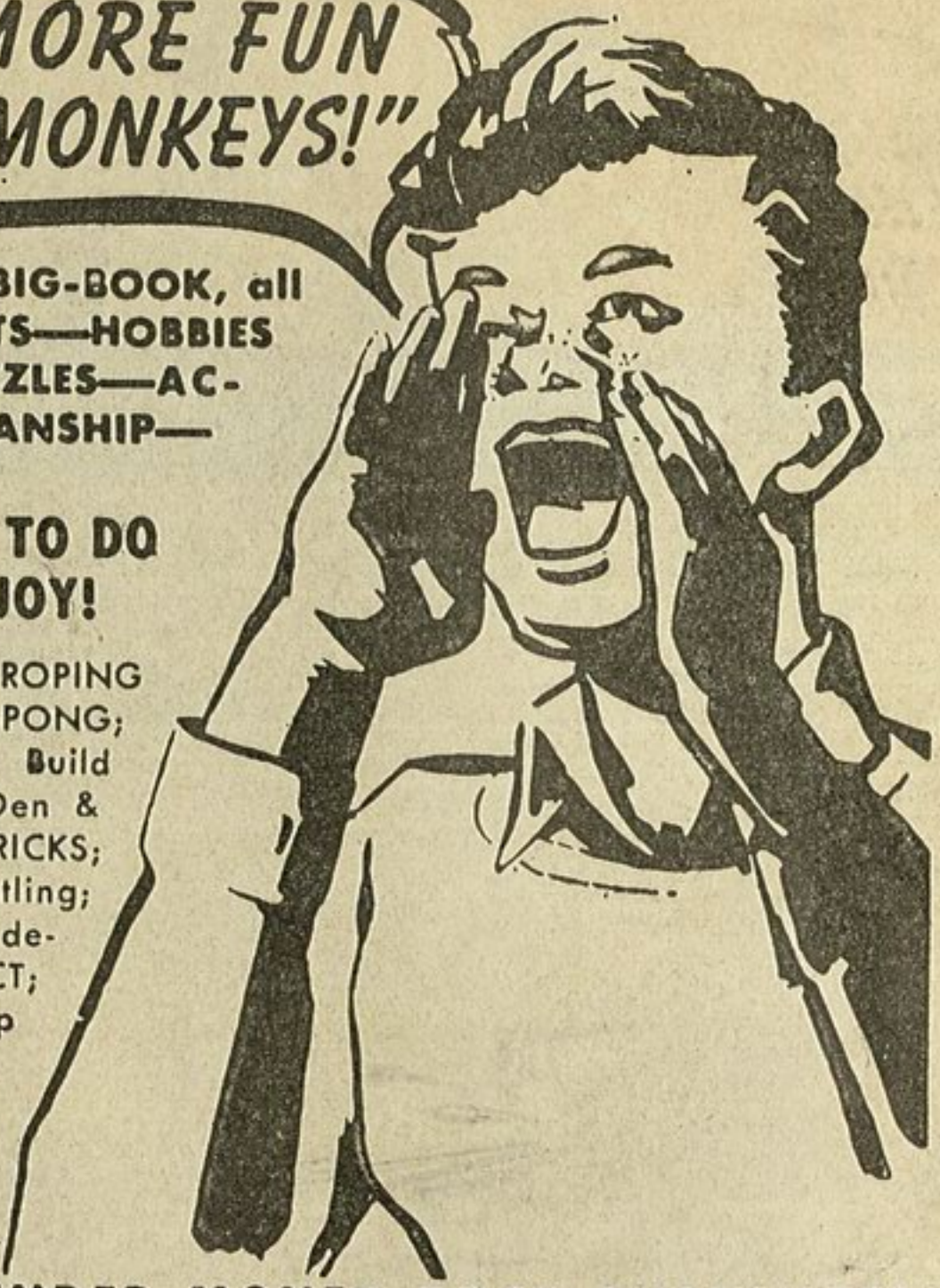


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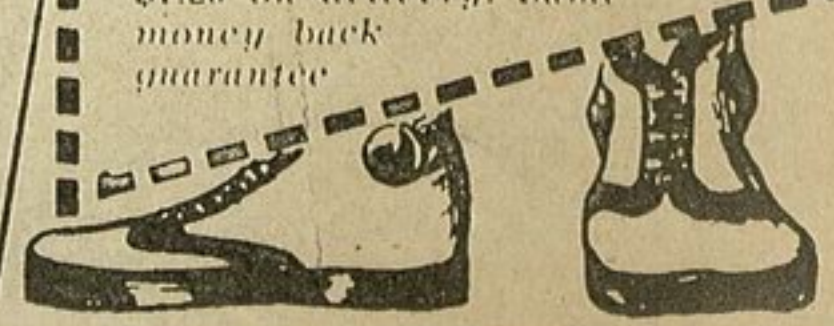
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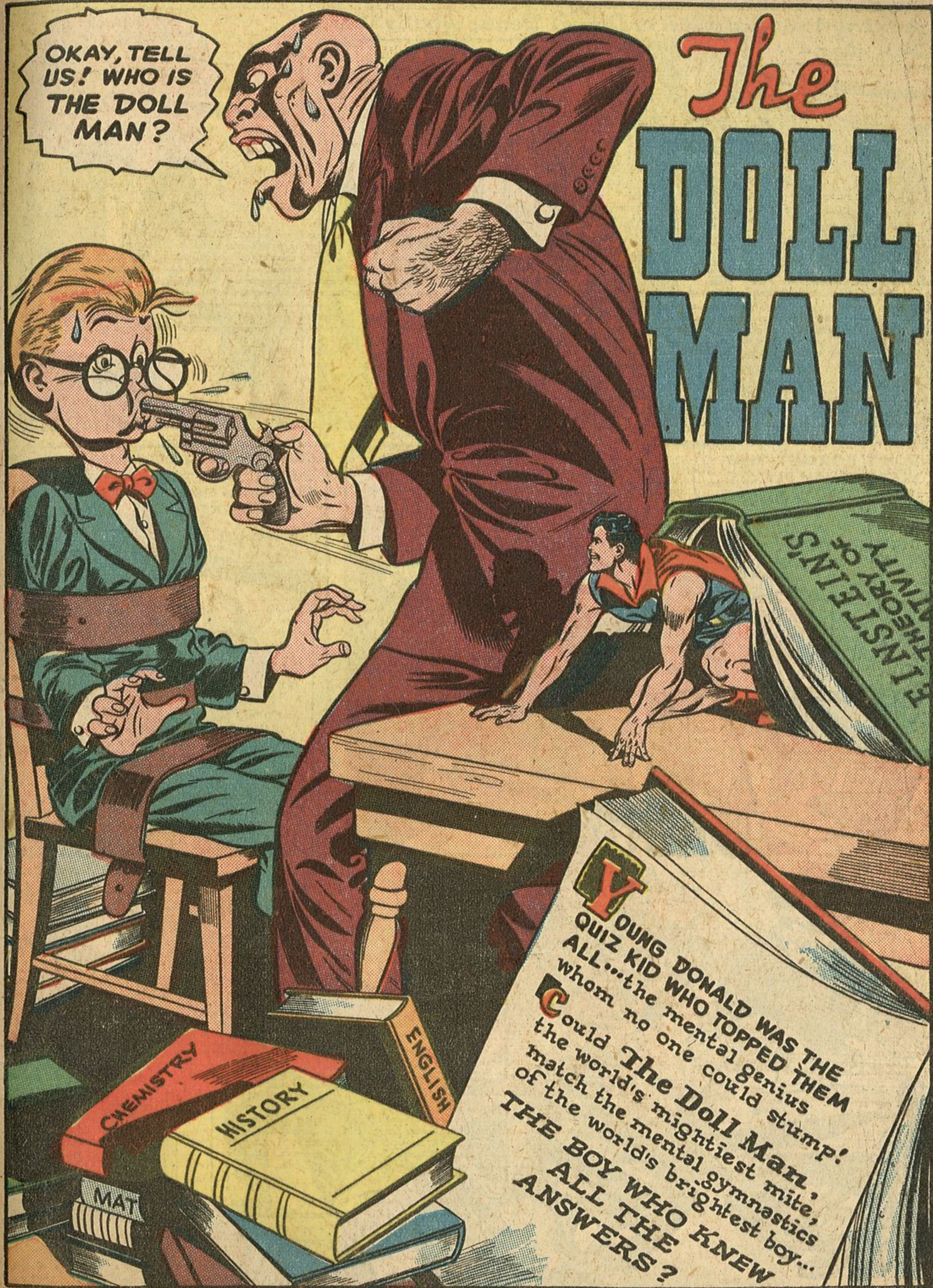
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US! WHO IS
THE DOLL
MAN?

The DOLL MAN



Asking the question is Darrel Dane, who is the Doll Man....

WHAT IS THE POPULATION OF INDIANAPOLIS?

386,972!

THANK YOU, DONALD? ANY MORE QUESTIONS FOLKS?

DON'T FORGET THAT ULOVE SOAP FLAKES OFFERS TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH TO ANYONE WHO STUMPS DONALD, THE BOY WHO KNOWS ALL THE ANSWERS!

AS LONG AS THE ANSWER CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR ENCYCLOPEDIA, YOU CAN ASK ANYTHING YOU LIKE! WHO'S NEXT, FOLKS?

SORRY! YOU CAN'T GO IN! THE PROGRAM HAS STARTED!

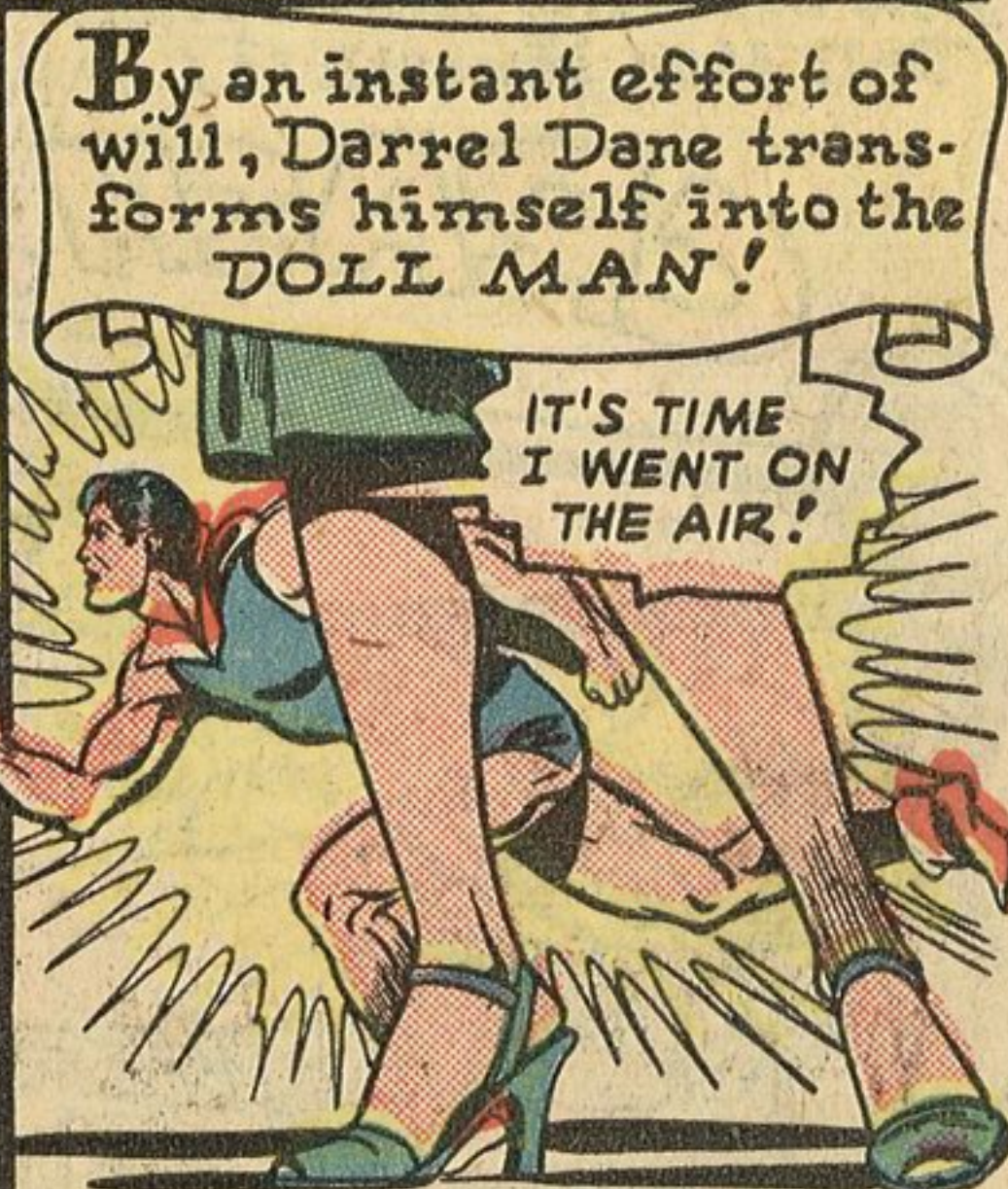
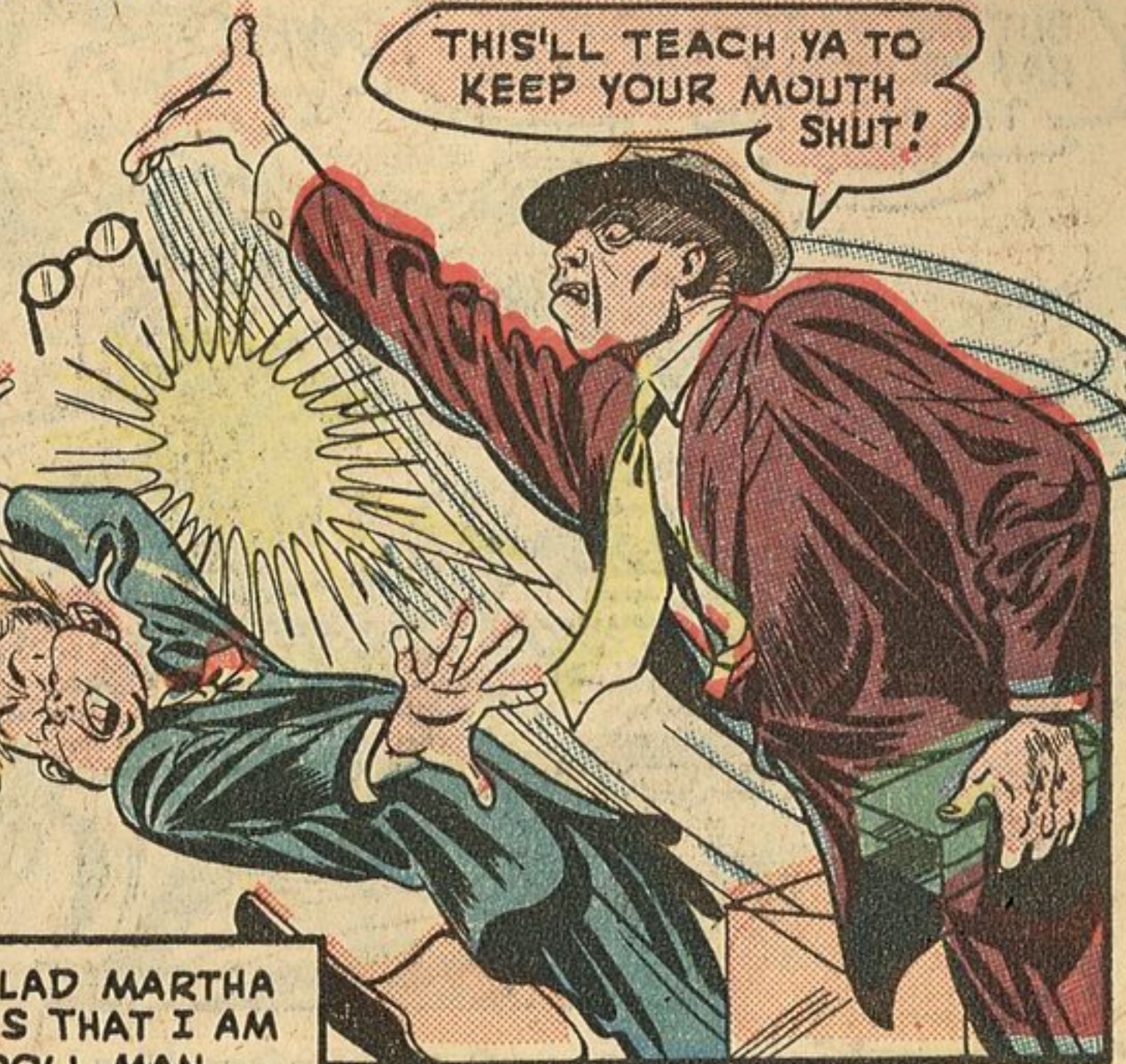
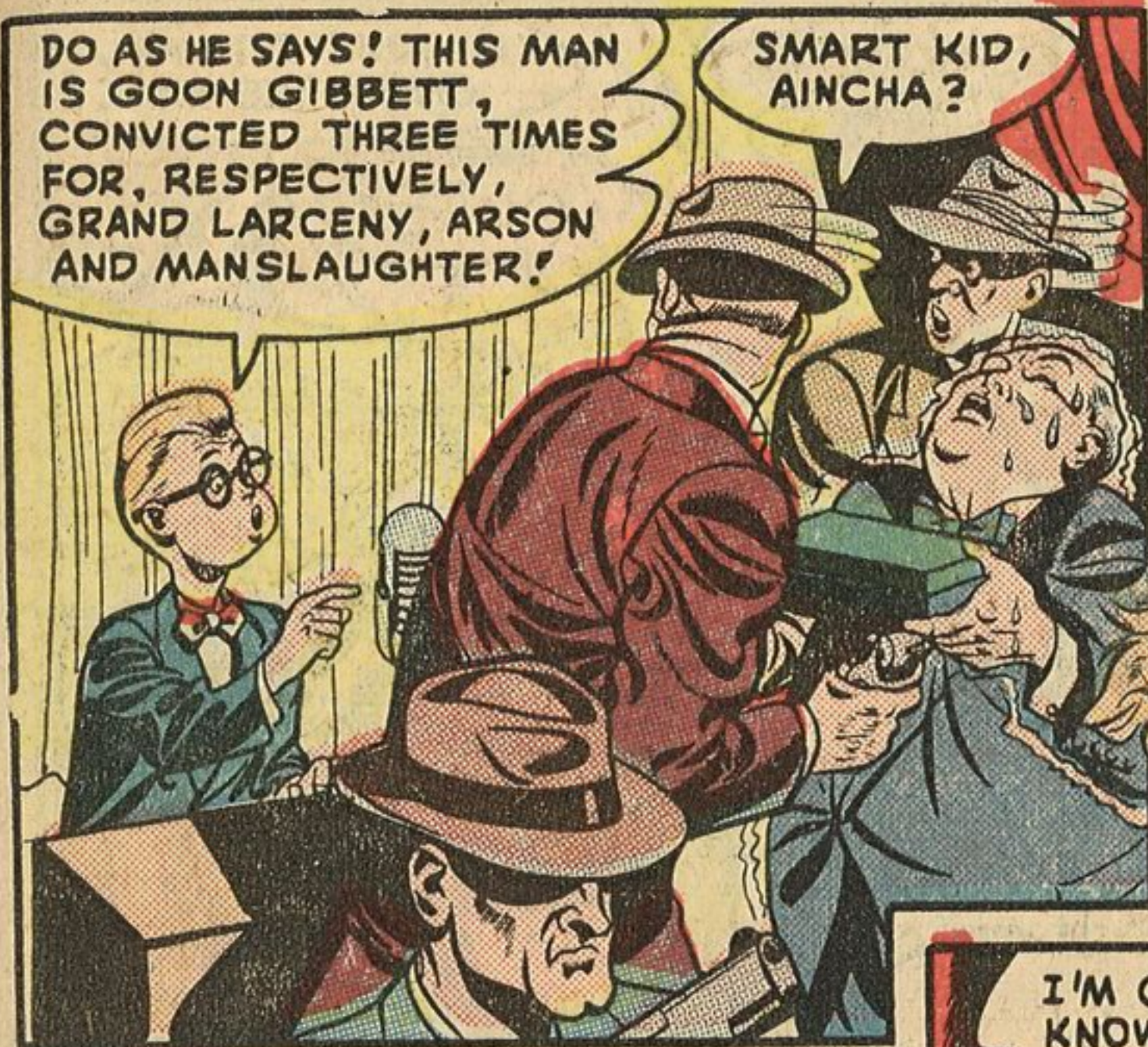
BUT WE'VE GOT A SPECIAL PASS!

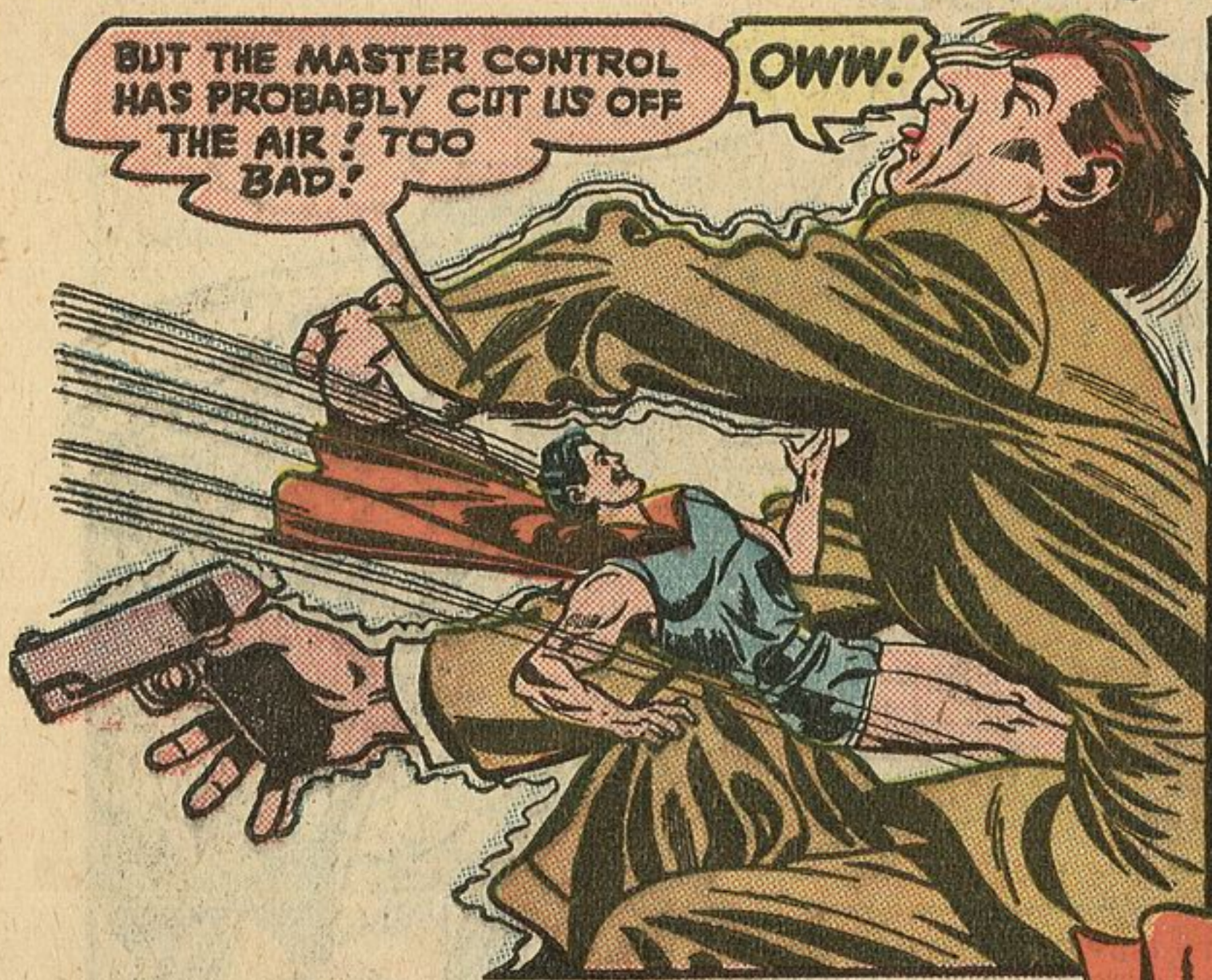
THIS!

UCH!

HAND OVER THAT TEN GRAND... AND BE QUICK ABOUT IT!

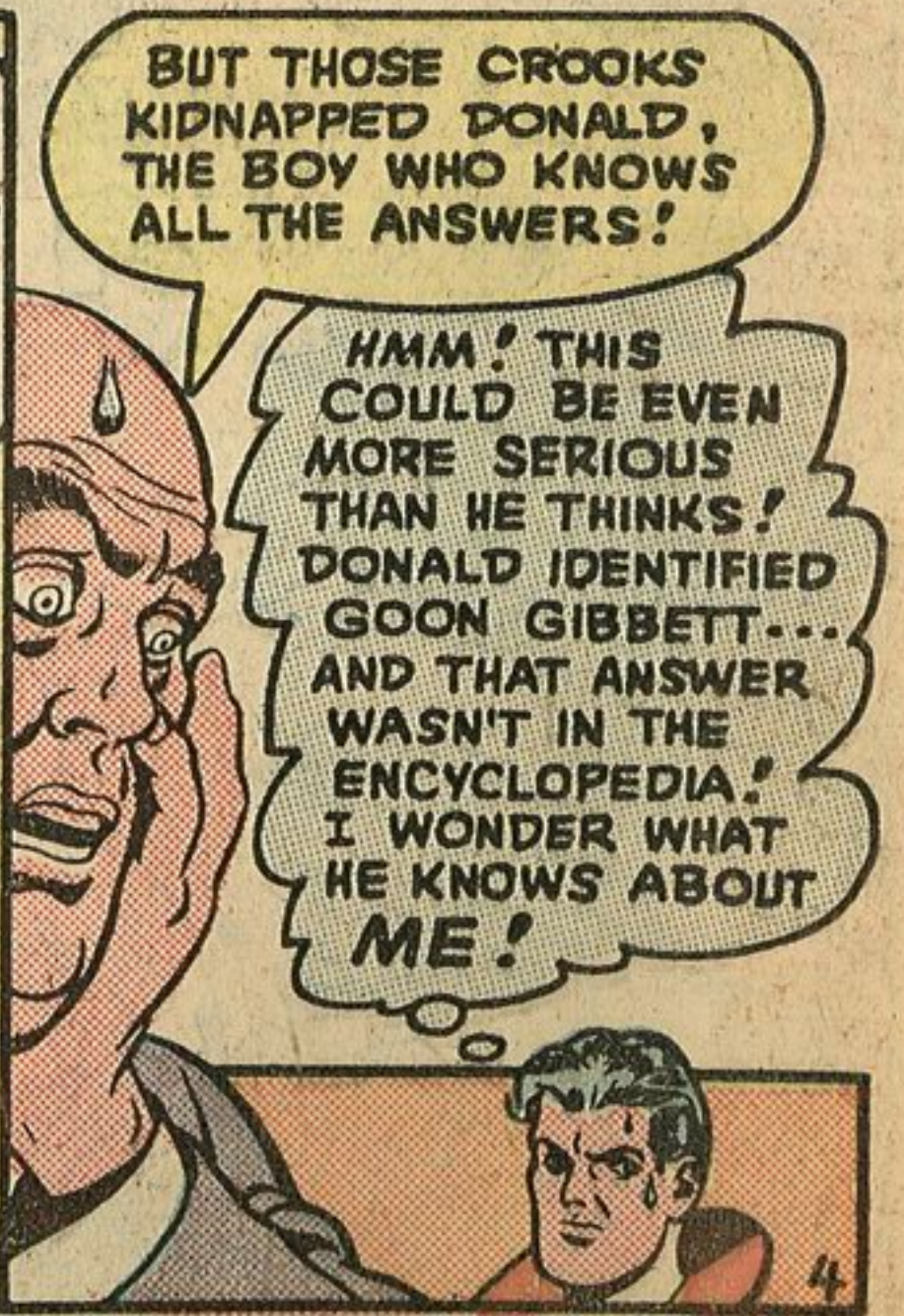
BUT... BUT...





The crashing microphone pins the Doll Man beneath it!

CRASH!



At Goon Gibbett's headquarters...

THIS IS THE THIRD FLOP YOU ENGINEERED FOR US, GOON! WE GOT A GOOD MIND TO QUIT YA!

IF YOU DO, YOU'LL BE WALKING OUT ON A GOLD MINE!

WHAT'S THIS? ANOTHER OF YOUR BRIGHT SCHEMES, LIKE ROBBIN' THAT RADIO STATION?

DON'T BE A SAP, YOU SAP! I'M TALKING ABOUT THE KID!

FROM NOW ON, HE'S WORKING FOR US! HE'S THE BRAINS OF THIS GANG! AND HE'LL GIVE US THE RIGHT ANSWERS... OR ELSE!

GULP!

DO WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER?

Y-Y-YES, S-SIR!

OKAY, THEN! FREE HIS HANDS! HE'S GONNA WRITE DOWN INSTRUCTION'S ON HOW TO ROB THE MERCHANT'S NATIONAL BANK!

Later, in the Merchant's National Bank basement...

WE'RE FROM THE COAL COMPANY! WE GOT AN ORDER TO DELIVER TEN TONS OF COAL!

THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE!

WE'VE PLENTY OF COAL! COME WITH ME AND I'LL SHOW...
UGHHH!

KEEP OUT



NOW WE GOTTA FIND THE FURNACE CONTROLS!



ACCORDING TO THE KID, THIS VALVE CUTS OFF THE FRESH AIR! AND THAT ONE YOU'RE TURNING WILL SEND COAL GAS UP THROUGH THE HOT AIR REGISTERS INTO THE BANK!



Soon, in the bank upstairs...

GAS! COMIN' UP

CHOKE! WHAT'S GASP! WRONG?

THROUGH THE REGISTERS!



GOT..TO.. SEND..IN.. AN... ALARM..



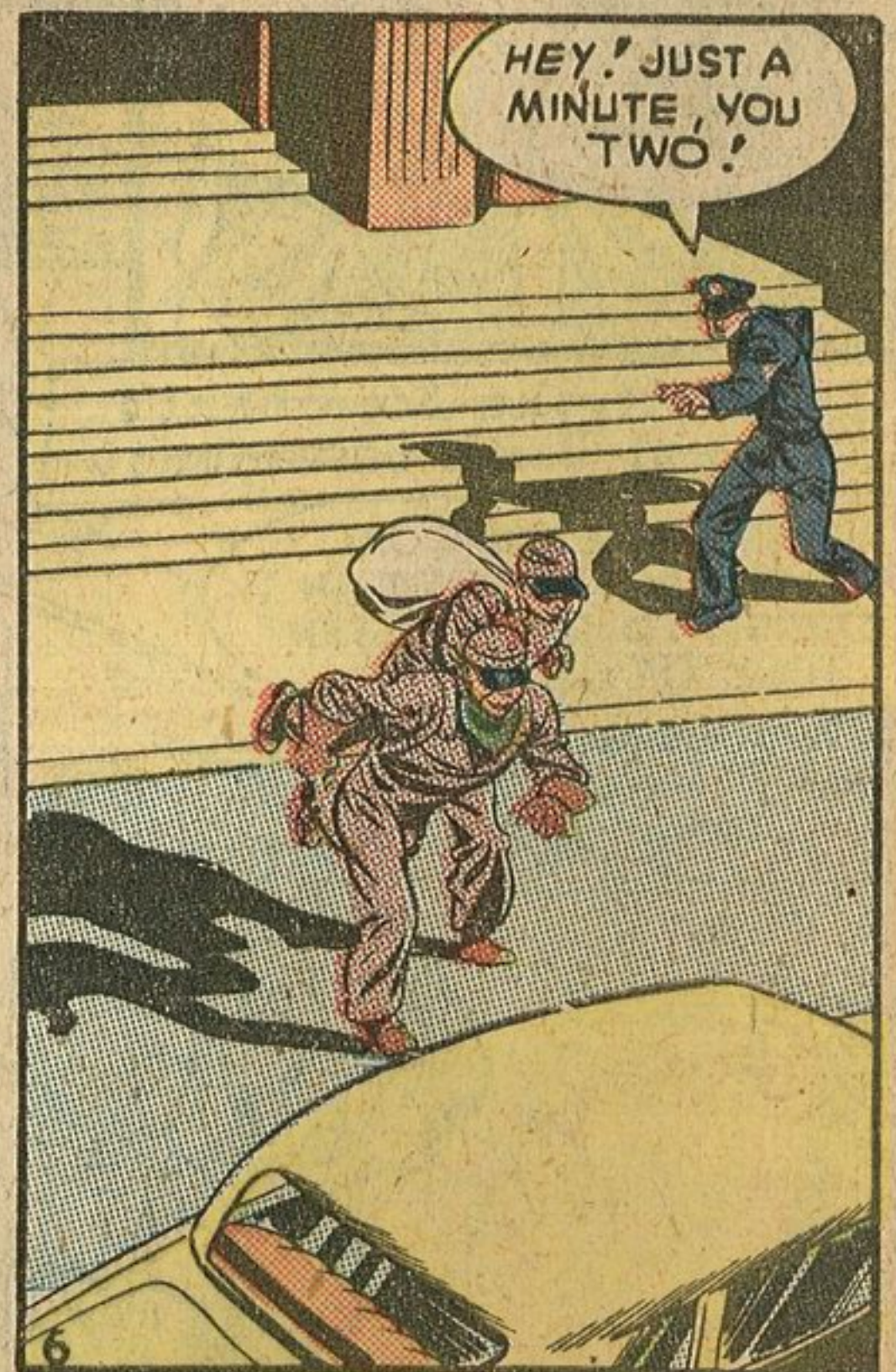
THEY'RE OUT COLD! WE CAN TAKE OUR TIME LOOTING THE BANK!

WHAT A CINCH, GOON! THAT KID SURE DOES KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS!

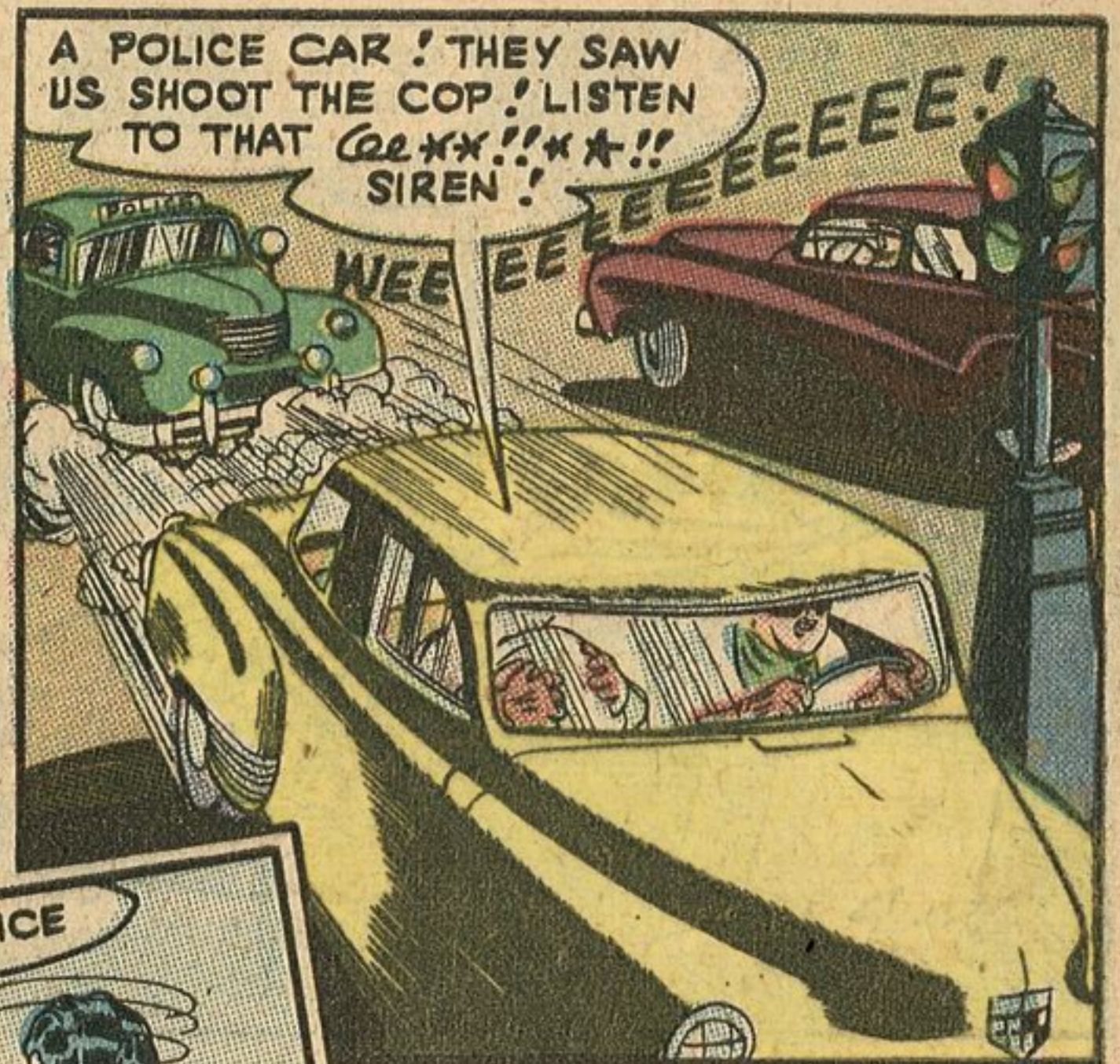
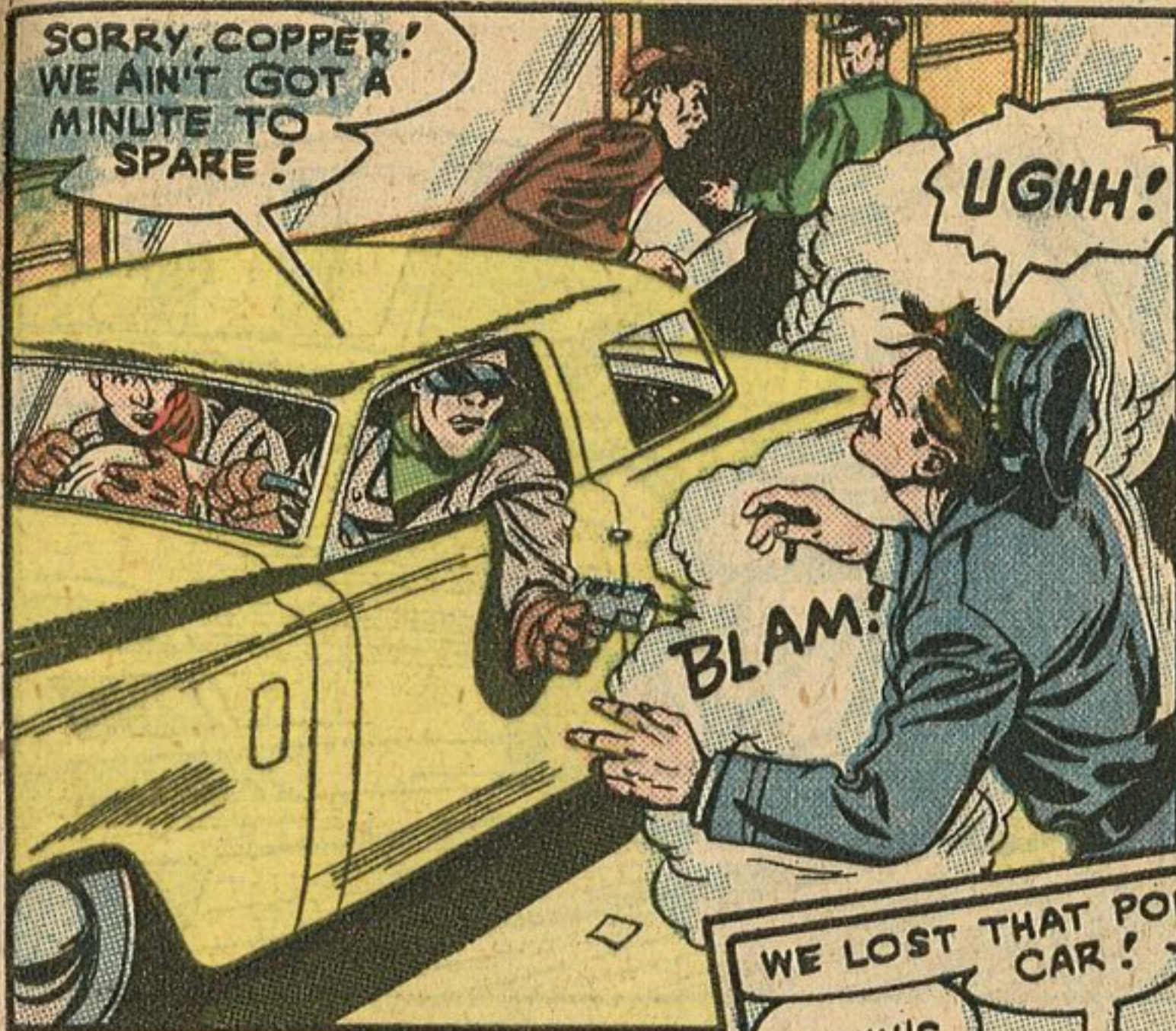


I WAS AFRAID HE'D TRY TO DOUBLE-CROSS US!

THAT'S WHY I LEFT SLATS TO GUARD HIM! IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG, SLATS'LL BUMP HIM! GOON GIBBETT DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!



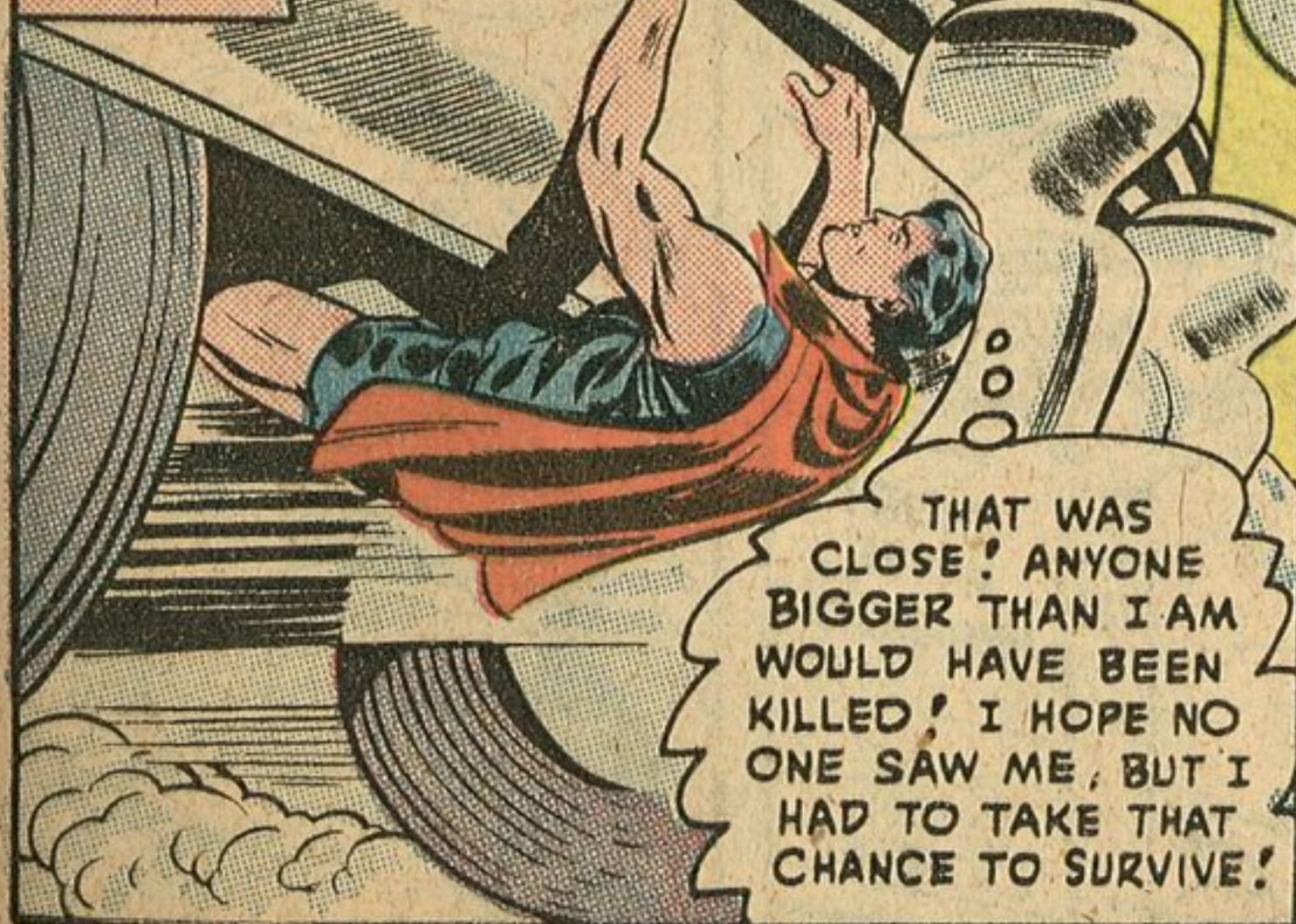
HEY! JUST A MINUTE, YOU TWO!

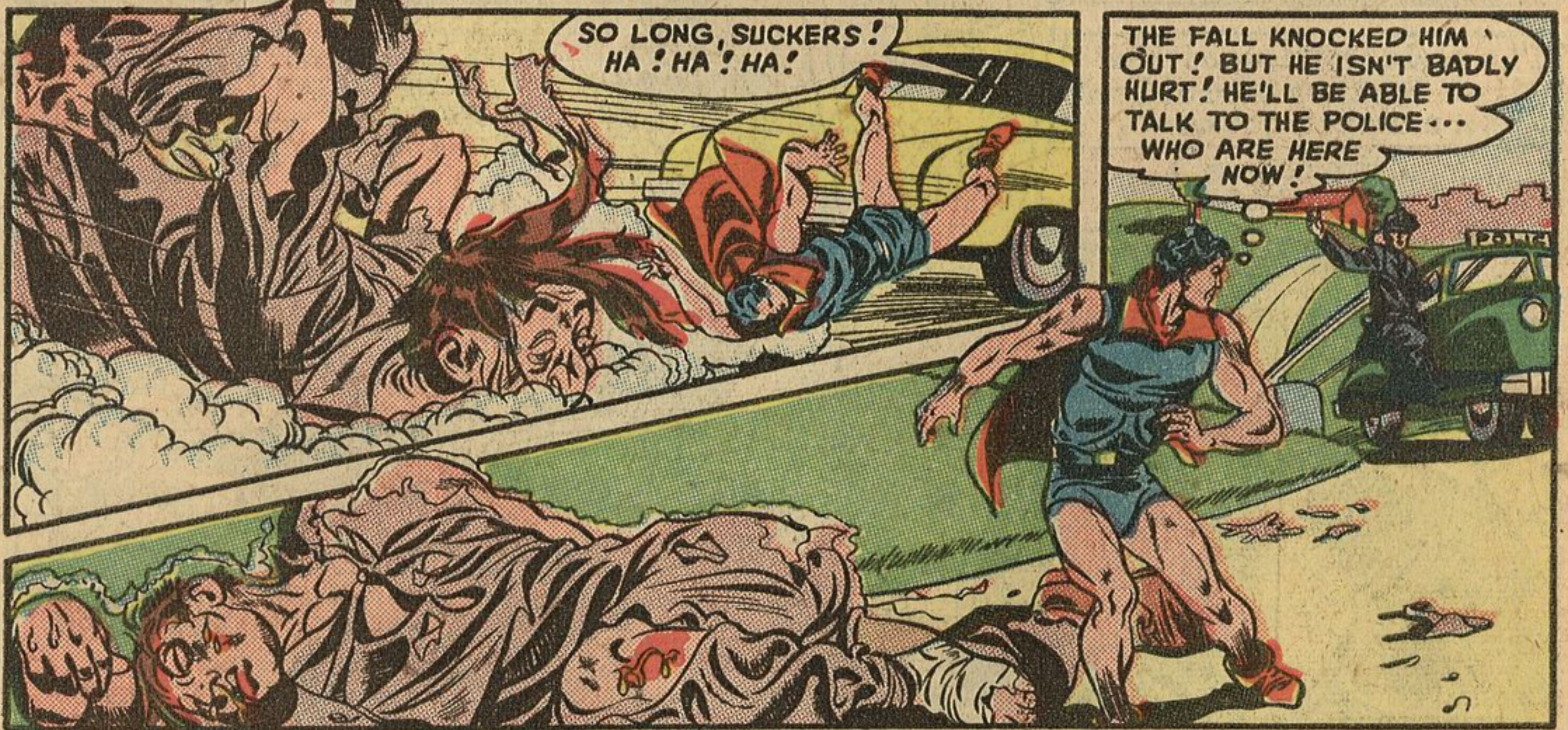


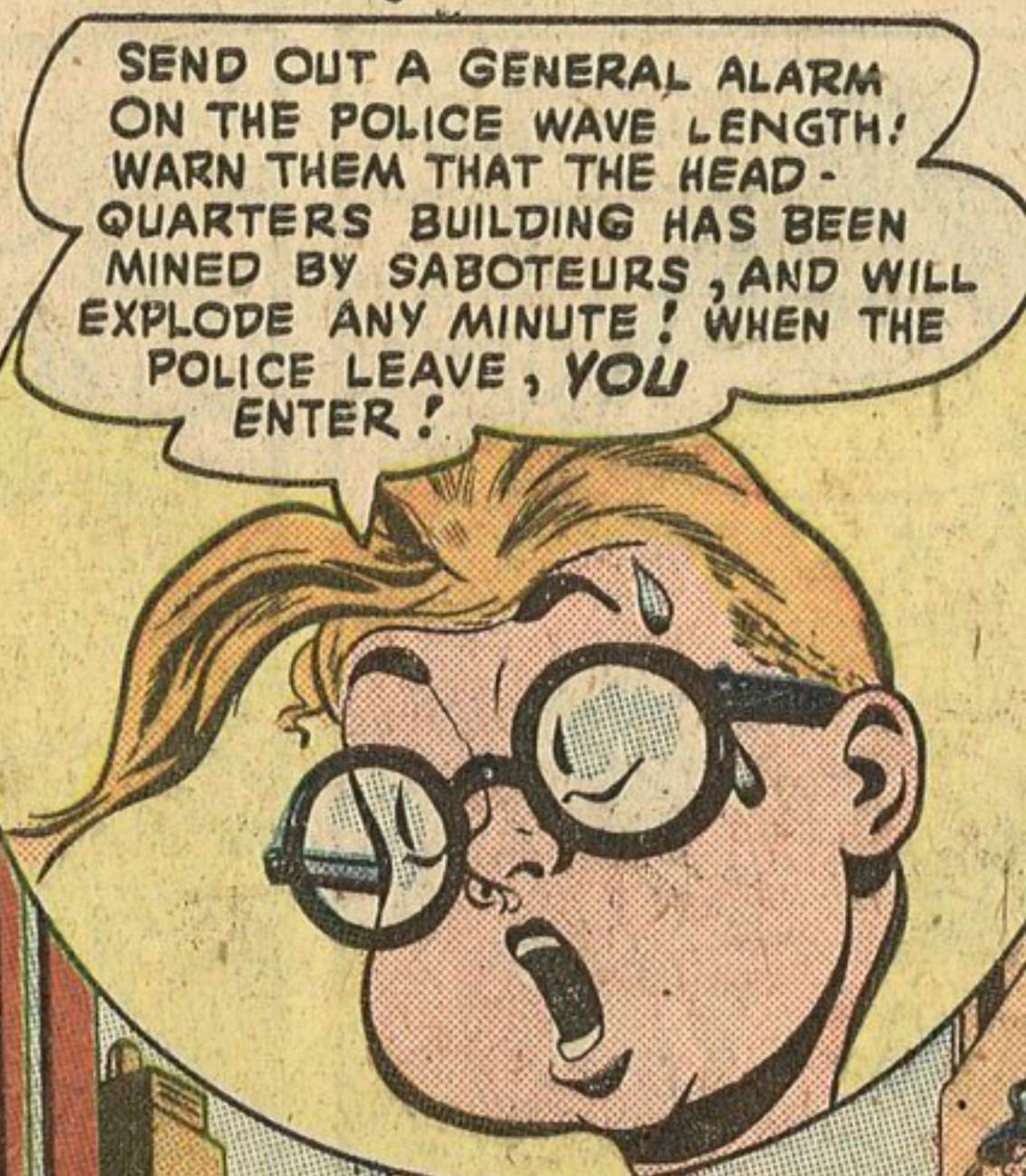
The eerie wailing of the siren reaches Darrel Dane on a street corner...



But Darrel Dane is now the Doll Man, having changed instantly as the car reached him...

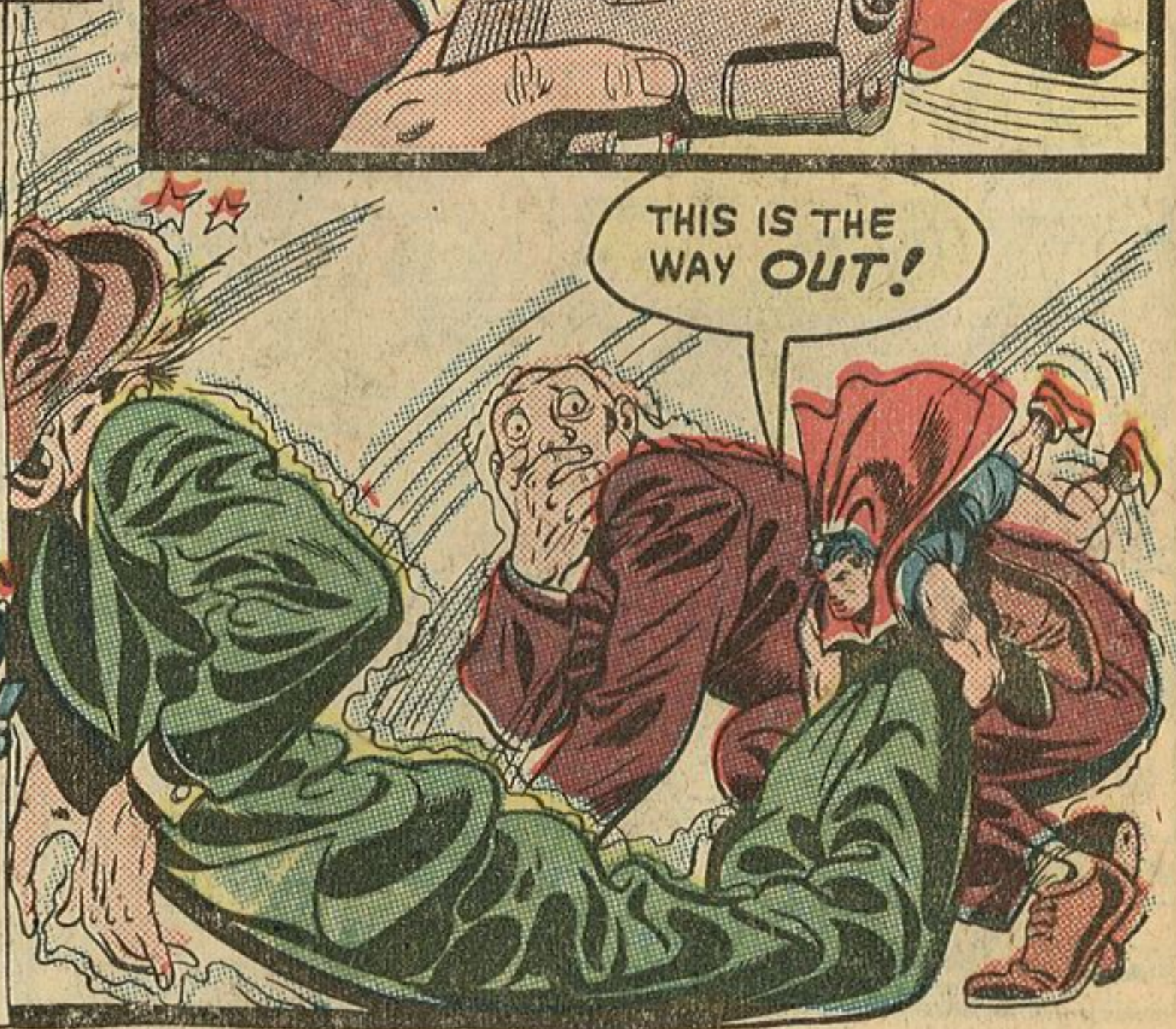
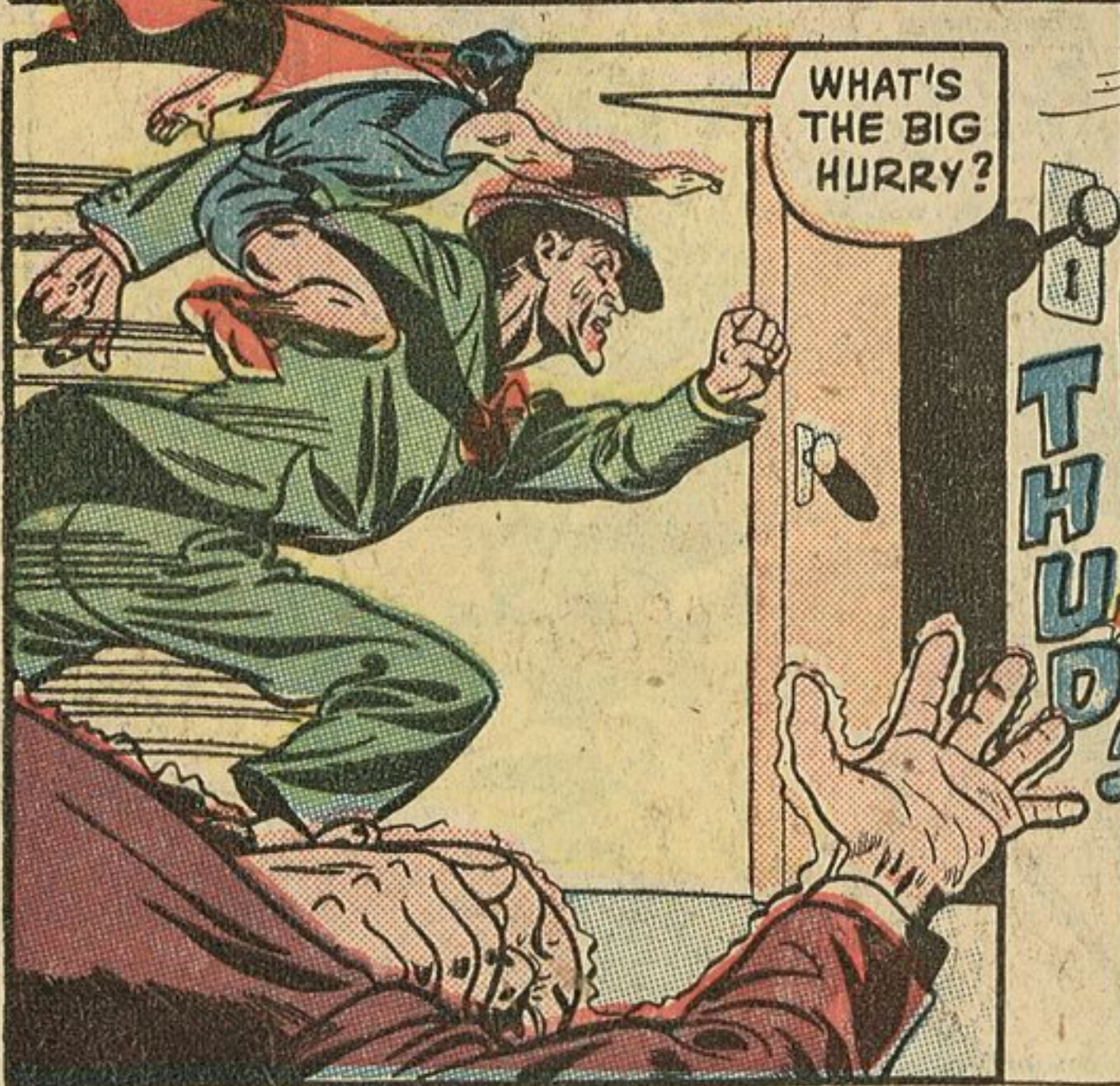


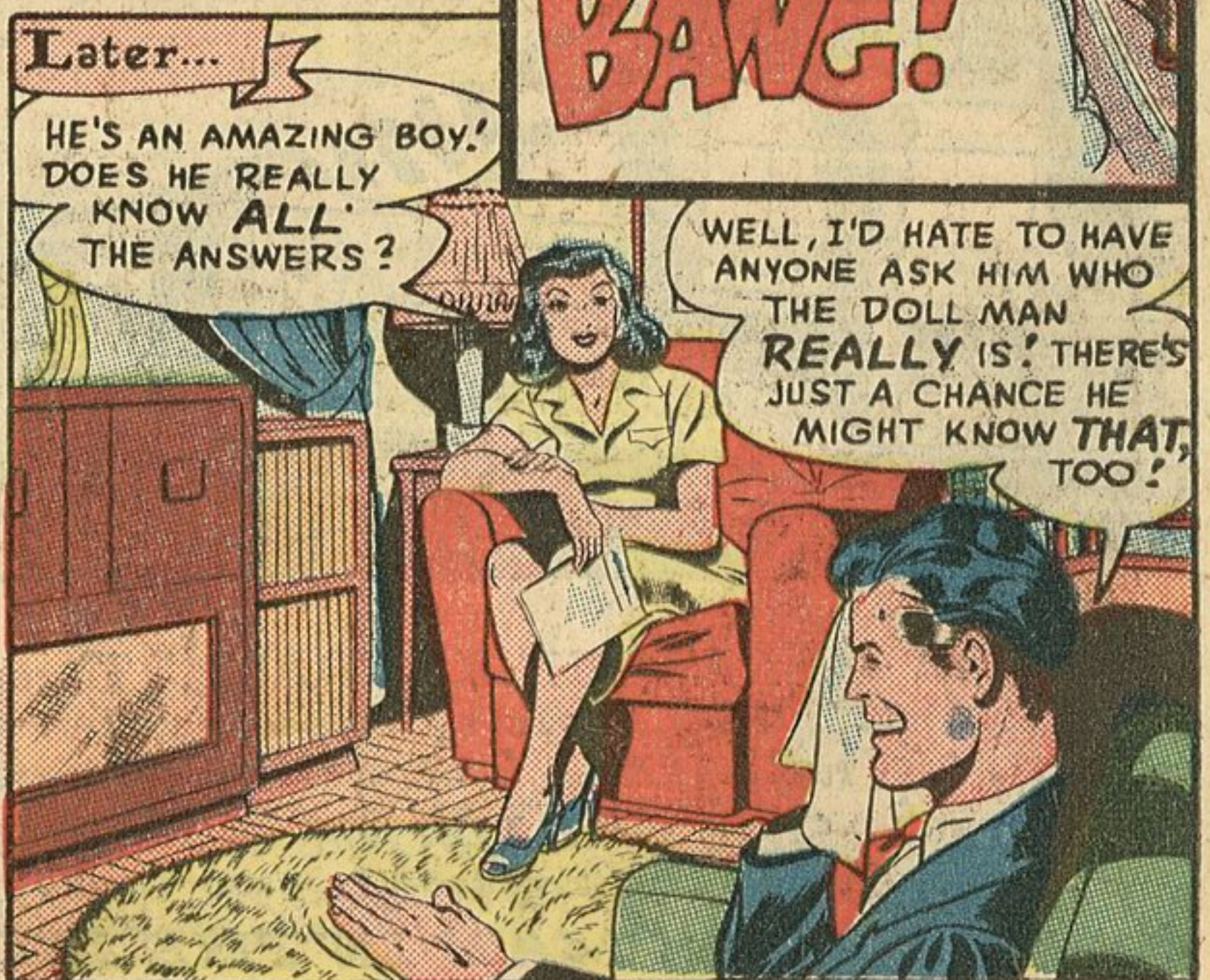
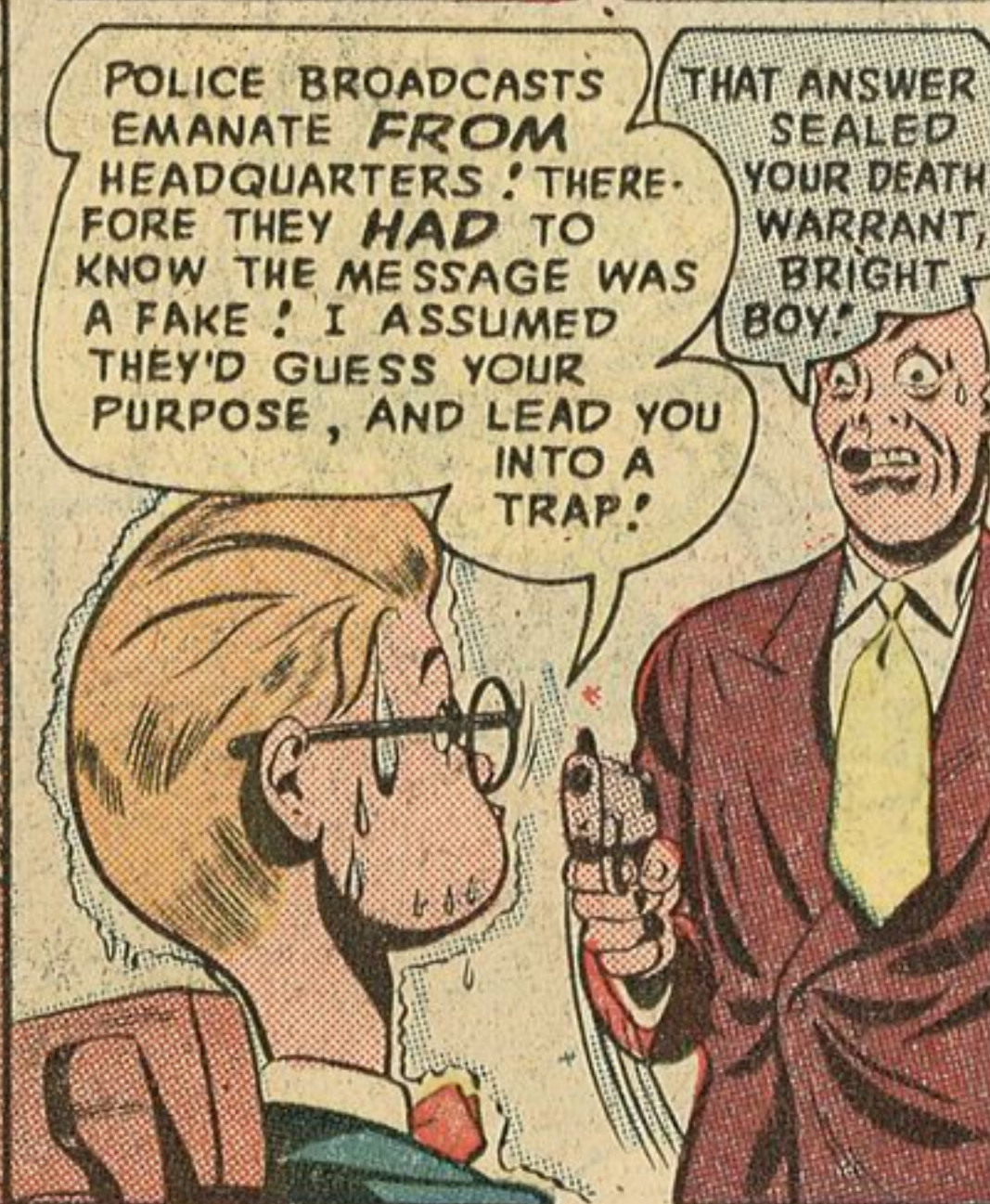
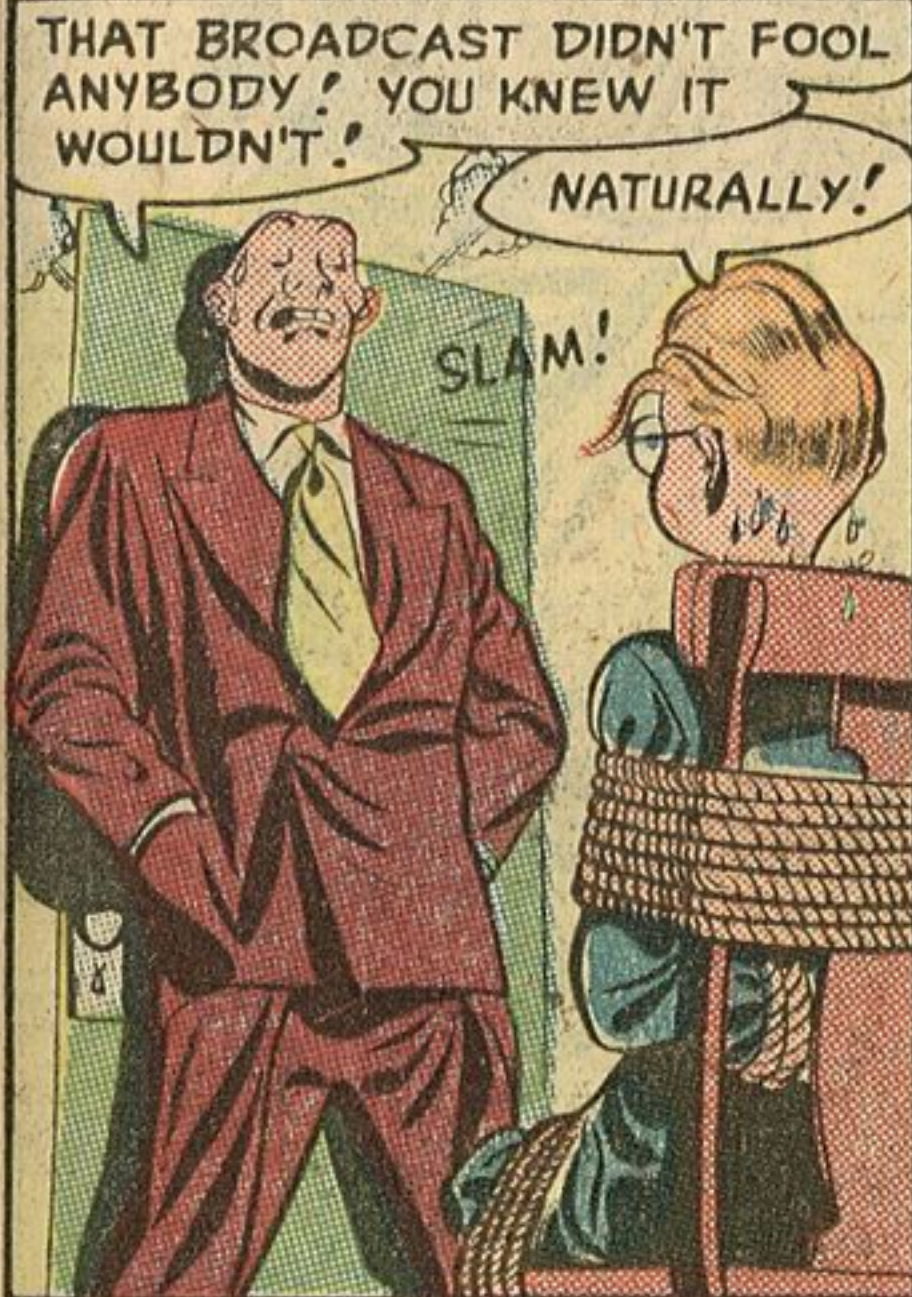
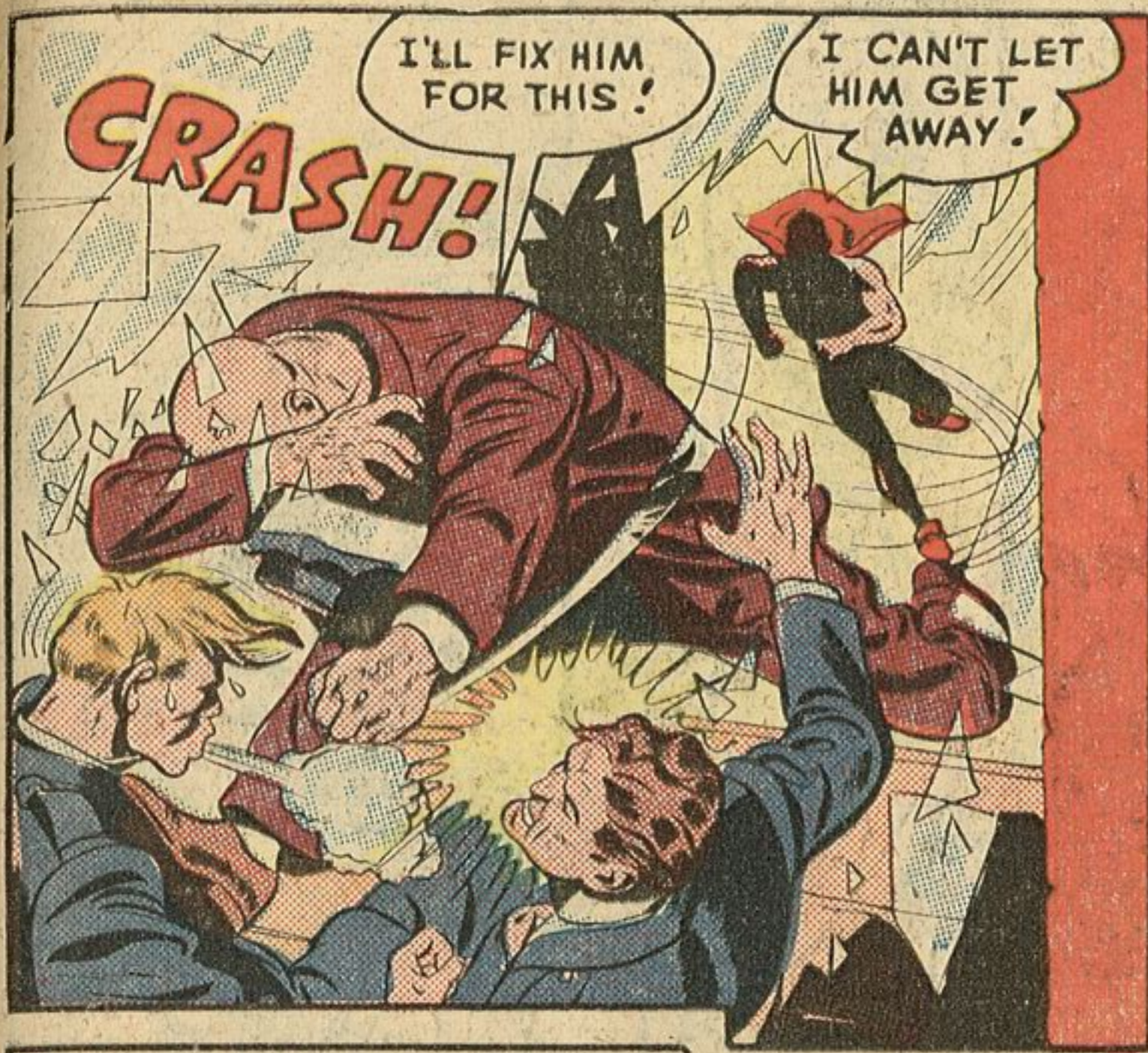




When the alarm is broadcast to police headquarters..

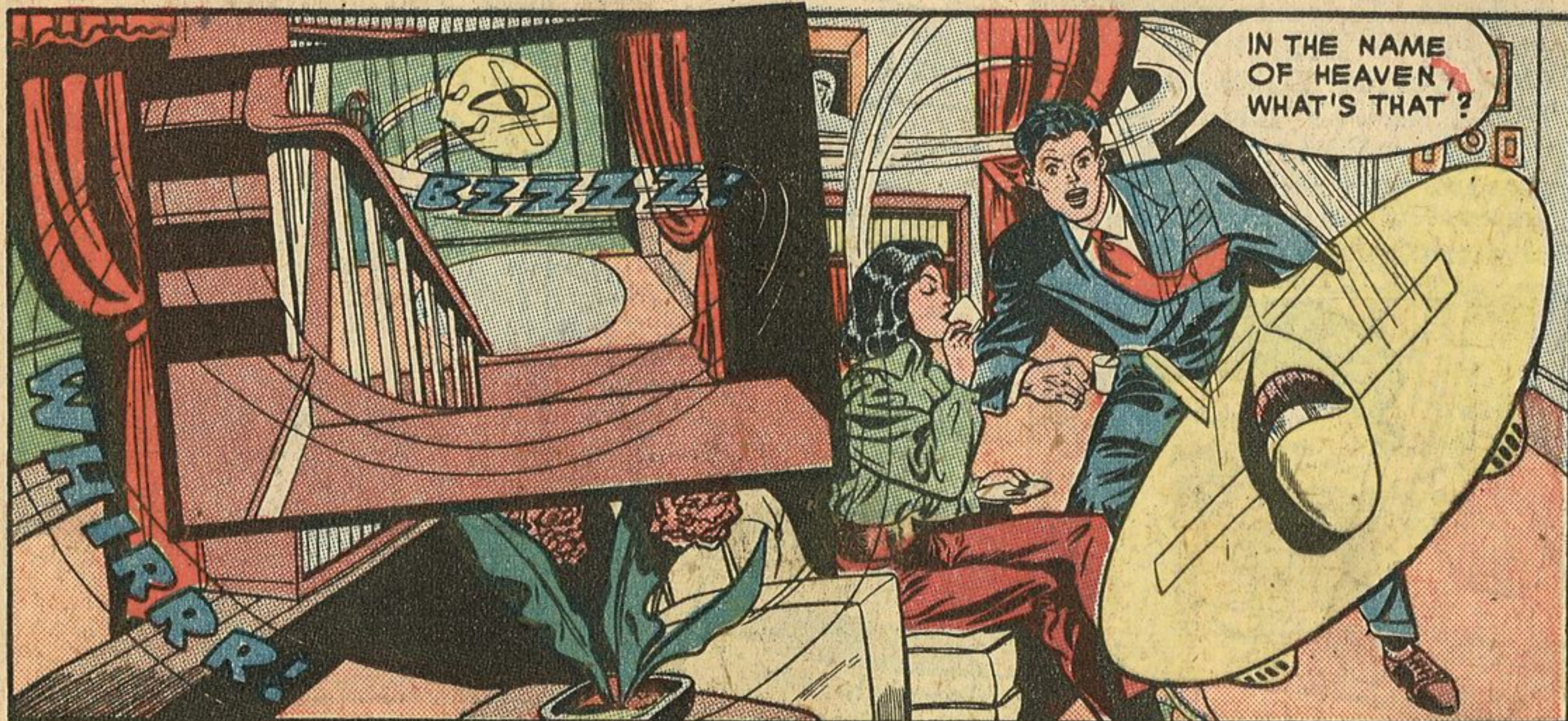








THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK! Through the corridors of time we hear again his heavy footsteps, as a modern counterpart re-enacts his tragic role! Whose is the face behind the mask of metal? What is his ghastly secret? *The DOLL MAN*, world's mightiest mite, attempts to penetrate the mystery, and reveal the enigmatic identity of *The MAN IN THE IRON MASK!*



IN THE NAME
OF HEAVEN,
WHAT'S THAT?



A TOY PLANE!
IT'S TRYING TO
KILL ME!

HA, HA, HA!



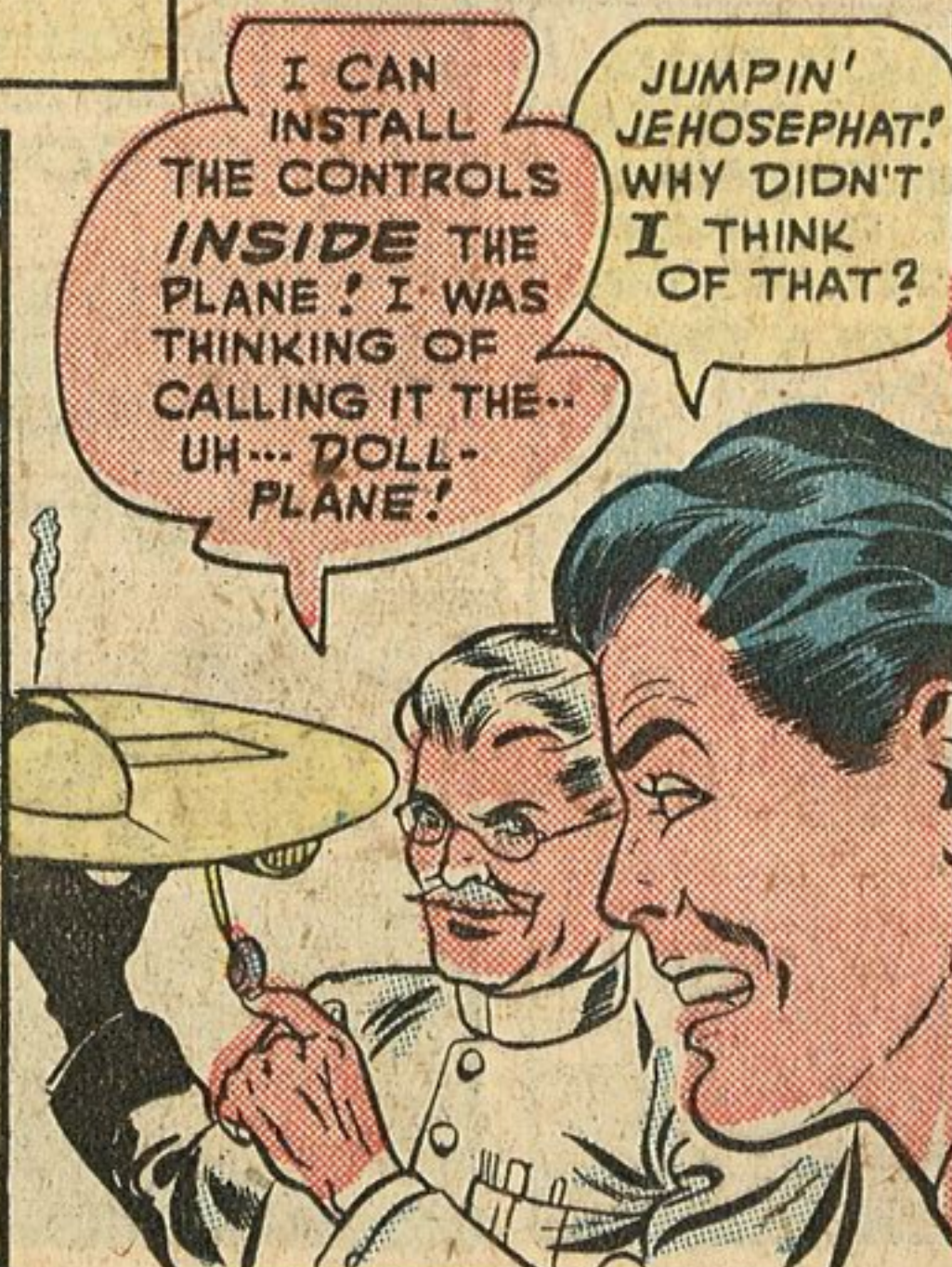
NOW IT'S HOVERING
MOTIONLESS IN THE
AIR! IT--IT'S SOME
KIND OF WITCH-
CRAFT!

SCIENTIFIC
WITCHCRAFT,
DARREL!



DR. ROBERTS!
SO YOU'RE
RESPONSIBLE
FOR THIS!

A SIMPLE
GADGET FOR A
SCIENTIST LIKE
MYSELF, DARREL!
JUST A RADIO-
CONTROLLED
TOY PLANE!



I CAN
INSTALL
THE CONTROLS
INSIDE THE
PLANE! I WAS
THINKING OF
CALLING IT THE--
UH-- DOLL-
PLANE!

JUMPIN'
JEHOSEPHAT!
WHY DIDN'T
I THINK
OF THAT?



IT WOULD BE
A PERFECT
VEHICLE FOR
**THE DOLL
MAN!**

PRECISELY,
DARREL!
THAT'S WHY
I BUILT THE
DOLLPLANE!
WHY DON'T
YOU TAKE IT
HOME WITH
YOU AND TRY
IT OUT?

Only Dr Roberts and his daughter Martha know that Darrel Dane is the **DOLL MAN**! Later, in the privacy of his own room, Darrel concentrates his power of will to compress the molecules of his body...

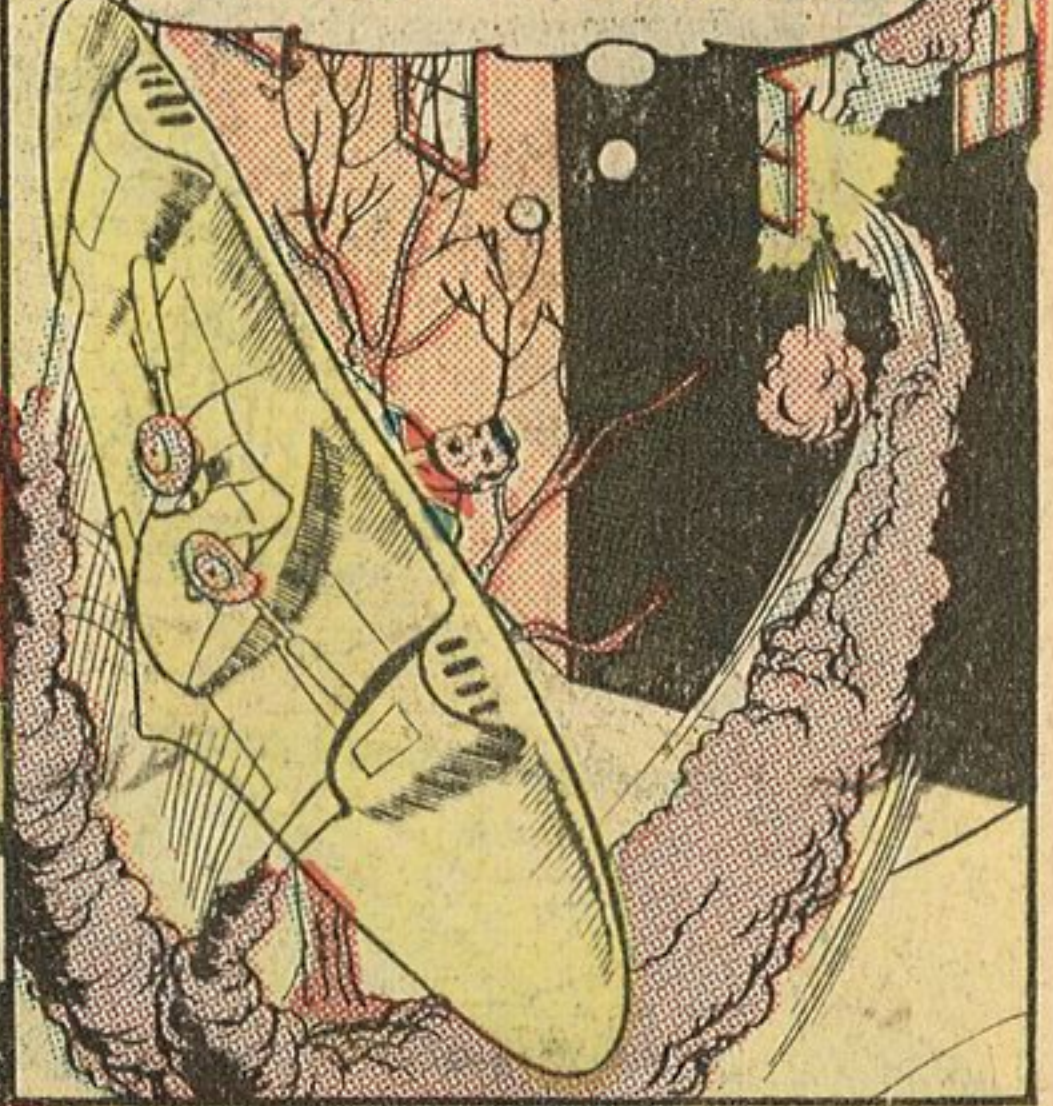


...and quickly becomes **THE DOLL MAN**!

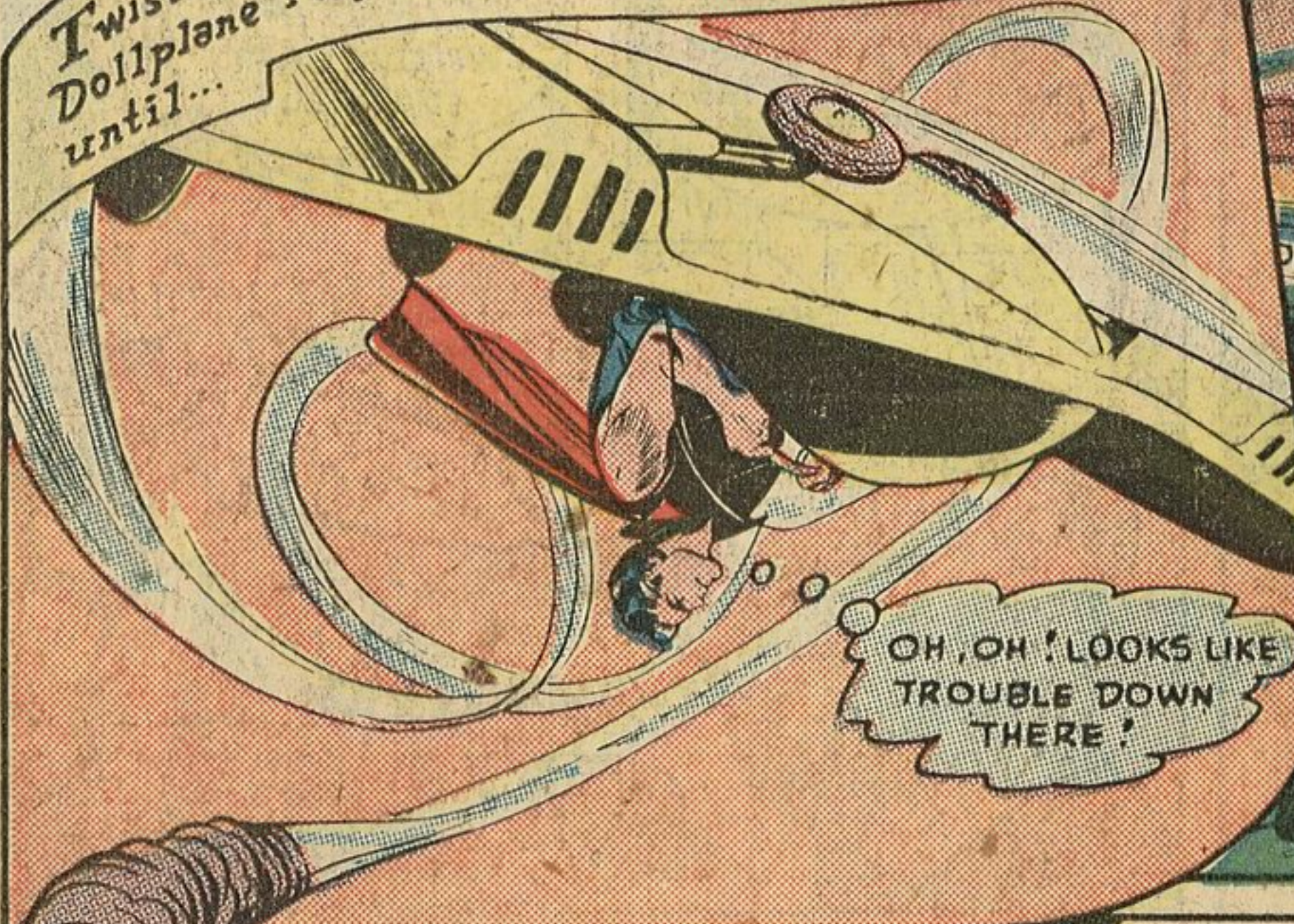
MY OWN PLANE!
I CAN HARDLY
WAIT TO TRY IT!



IT REALLY WORKS! I FEEL
JUST LIKE A KID WITH A NEW
TOY! I'LL PUT THIS PLANE
THROUGH ITS PACES!

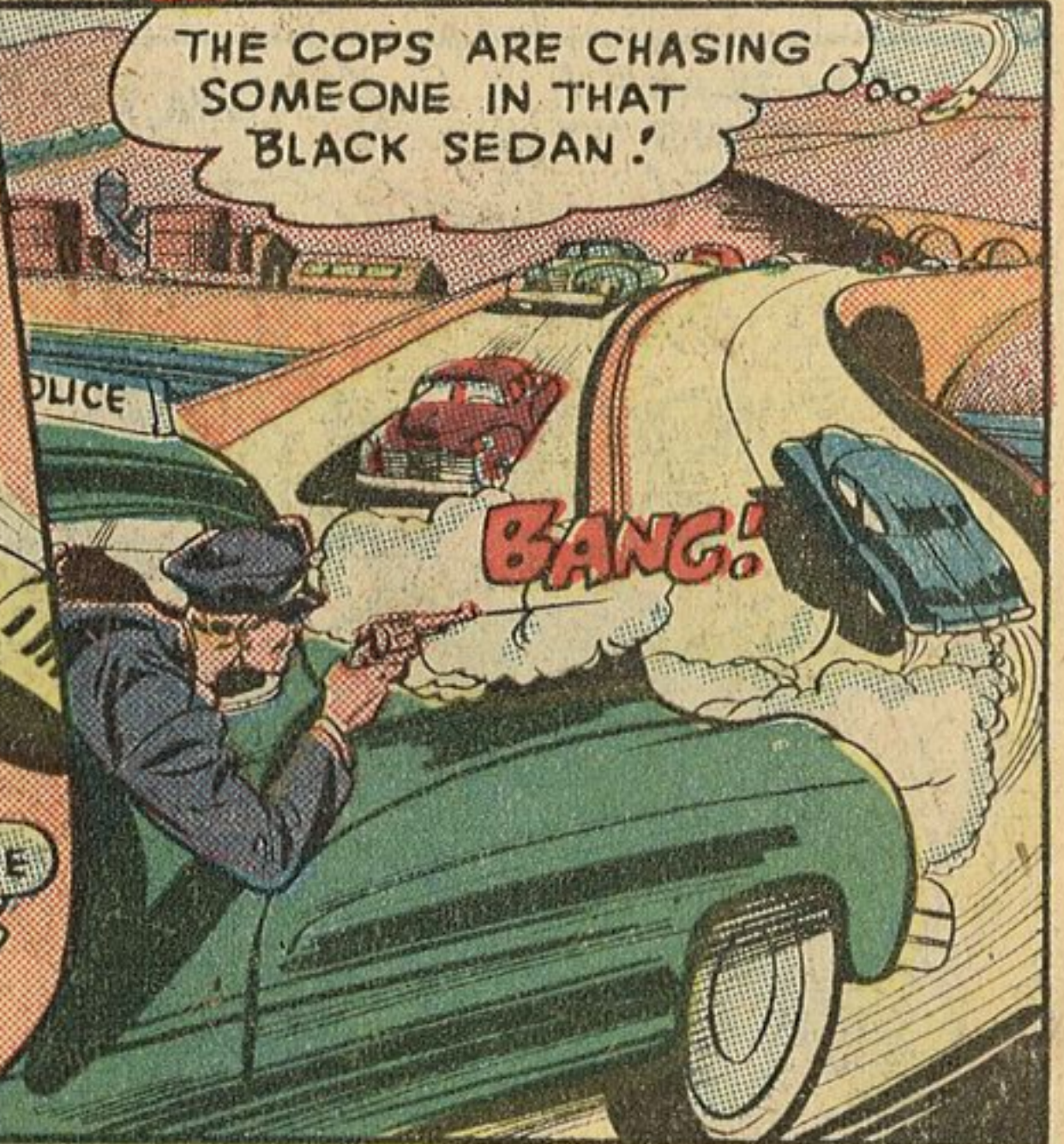


Twisting and turning like a dervish, the Dollplane responds perfectly to every test, until...



OH, OH! LOOKS LIKE
TROUBLE DOWN
THERE!

THE COPS ARE CHASING
SOMEONE IN THAT
BLACK SEDAN!

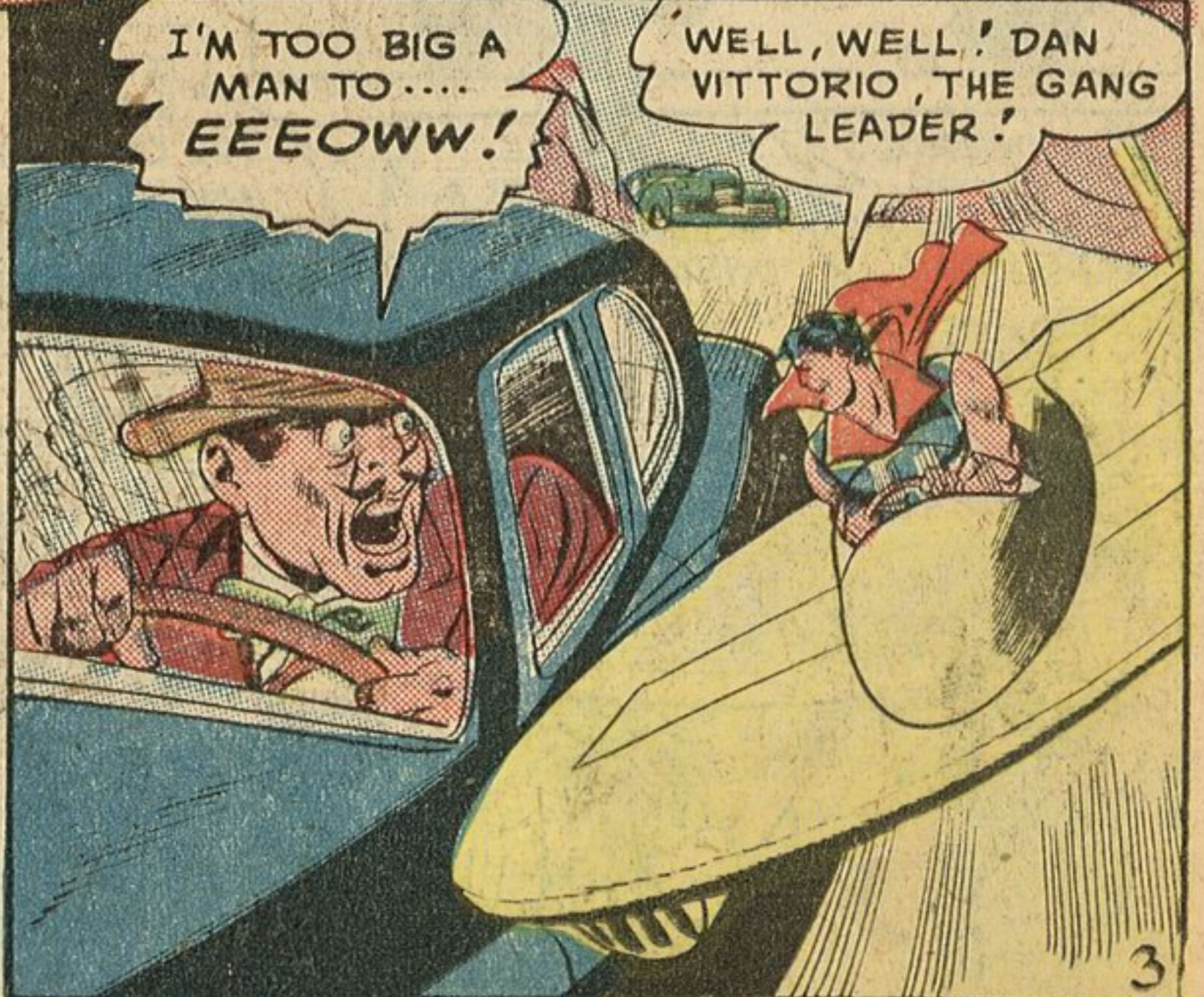


BANG!

BLAST THOSE
COPS! THEY SAW
ME RUN DOWN THAT
GUY AT THE INTER-
SECTION! BUT THEY
WON'T PIN A BUM
RAP ON DAN
VITTORIO!



I'M TOO BIG A
MAN TO....
EEEOWW!



'WELL, WELL!' DAN
VITTORIO, THE GANG
LEADER!



LOOK OUT!
YOU'RE
GOING TO...

CRASH!

HE NEVER
HAD A
CHANCE!

EVEN IF HE WASN'T
SCORCHED TO DEATH IN
THE FLAMES, HE DROWNED
AT THE RIVER BOTTOM!
IT HAPPENED TOO
FAST FOR ANYONE
TO SAVE HIM!

Later....

WHAT A FINISH FOR
DAN VITTORIO! AFTER
THE CRIMES HE
COMMITTED, HE GETS
KILLED FLEEING THE
SCENE OF A HIT-
AND-RUN ACCIDENT!

IT'S A
LUCKY
BREAK
FOR THE
CITY,
HOWEVER
YOU FIGURE
IT! VITTOR-
IO WAS
KINGPIN OF
A BIG
CRIME
SYNDICATE!

NOW THAT HE'S GONE, IT
SHOULDN'T BE MUCH TROUBLE
BOWLING OVER FRANK MORBO
AND THE REST OF HIS GANG!
AS A MATTER OF FACT, I MAY
GIVE IT MY PERSONAL
ATTENTION!

SO WILL THE
POLICE,
DOLL MAN!

Half a mile further down the river, a blackened, burnt remnant of a man struggles painfully from the water...



THAT FELLOW'S HURT BAD! I'D BETTER HELP HIM TO MY COTTAGE! HE NEEDS LOOKING AFTER!



DON'T GET EXCITED, MISTER! YOU'RE STILL PRETTY WEAK! BUT YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT, WHEN I GET YOU TO A HOSPITAL!

NO!



I DON'T WANT TO GO TO A HOSPITAL! MY... ER... FRIENDS MUSTN'T FIND OUT ABOUT MY ACCIDENT! IT'S WORTH FIVE GRAND TO ME IF YOU'LL KEEP ME HERE AND NOT TELL ANYONE!

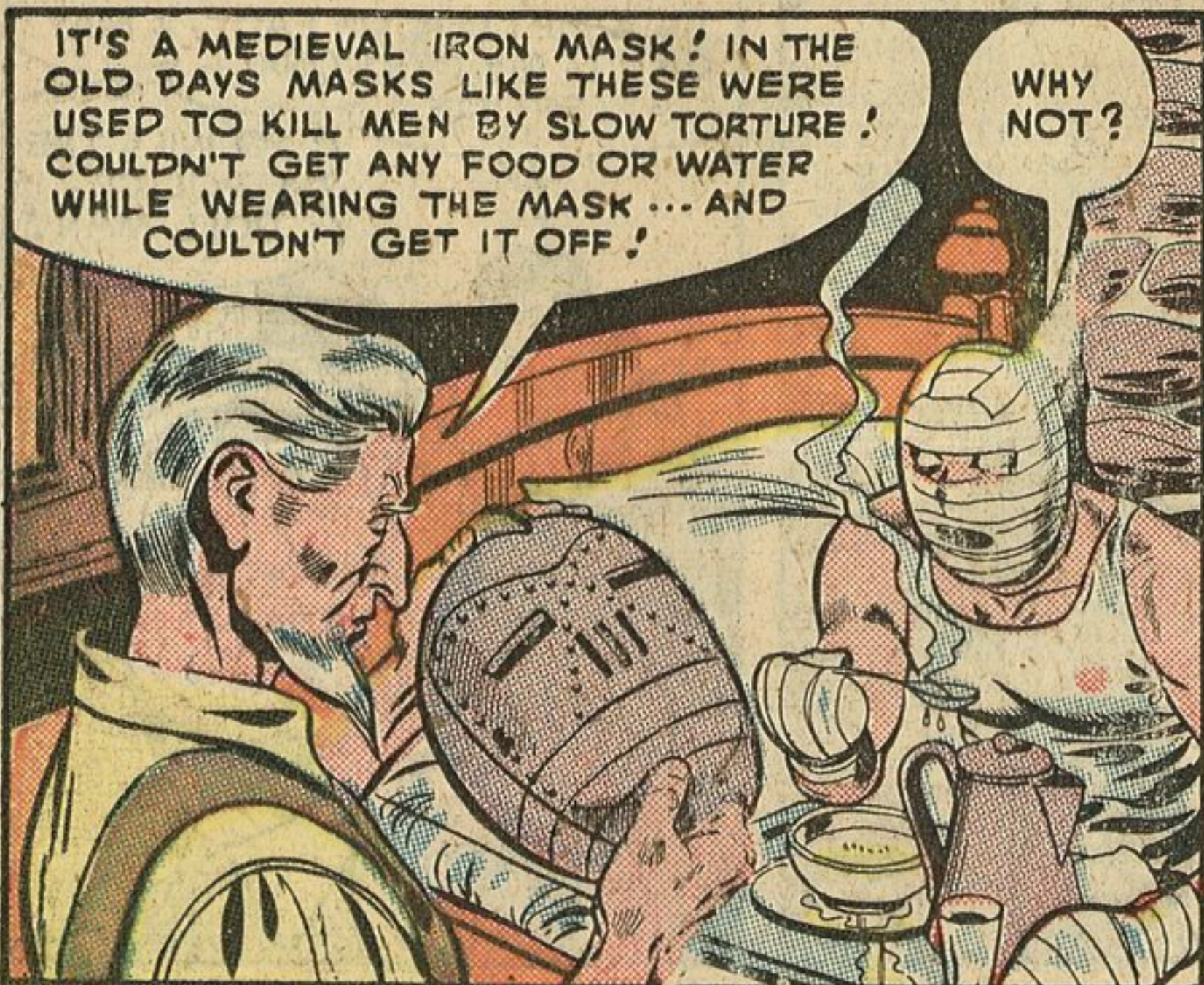
THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY! I'LL DO IT, MISTER, BUT IT'S AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGEMENT!

Several days later...



SITTING UP! THAT'S GOOD! IT MEANS YOU'RE FEELING BETTER!

YEAH! I'LL BE OKAY IN ANOTHER DAY OR SO! WHAT KIND OF A GADGET IS THIS?



IT'S A MEDIEVAL IRON MASK! IN THE OLD DAYS MASKS LIKE THESE WERE USED TO KILL MEN BY SLOW TORTURE! COULDN'T GET ANY FOOD OR WATER WHILE WEARING THE MASK... AND COULDN'T GET IT OFF!

WHY NOT?



THE MASK IS MADE IN TWO HINGED IRON SECTIONS! NEEDS A KEY TO UNLOCK IT! MAKING KEYS IS MY BUSINESS, BUT IT TOOK ME ALMOST **TWO MONTHS** TO MAKE ONE THAT'D FIT THIS LOCK!



SEE?

THOSE OLD GUYS HAD SOME INTERESTING IDEAS! I KNOW OF A COUPLE OF GUNSELS I'D LIKE TO SEE INSIDE **THAT** THING!



Meanwhile...

THE POLICE ARRESTED FOUR MORE MEMBERS OF DAN VITTORIO'S OLD GANG! THE CRIME SYNDICATE'S BREAKING UP FAST, NOW THAT ITS LEADER IS DEAD!



HIS CHIEF LIEUTENANT, FRANK MORBO, IS STILL AT LARGE, THOUGH!



HE MAY NOT BE FOR LONG! I'VE BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON FRANK MORBO, AND IT'S ABOUT TIME THE DOLL MAN PAID HIM A VISIT!



TONIGHT'S AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY TO PAY A COURTESY CALL! YOU'LL... ER... EXCUSE ME, MARTHA?

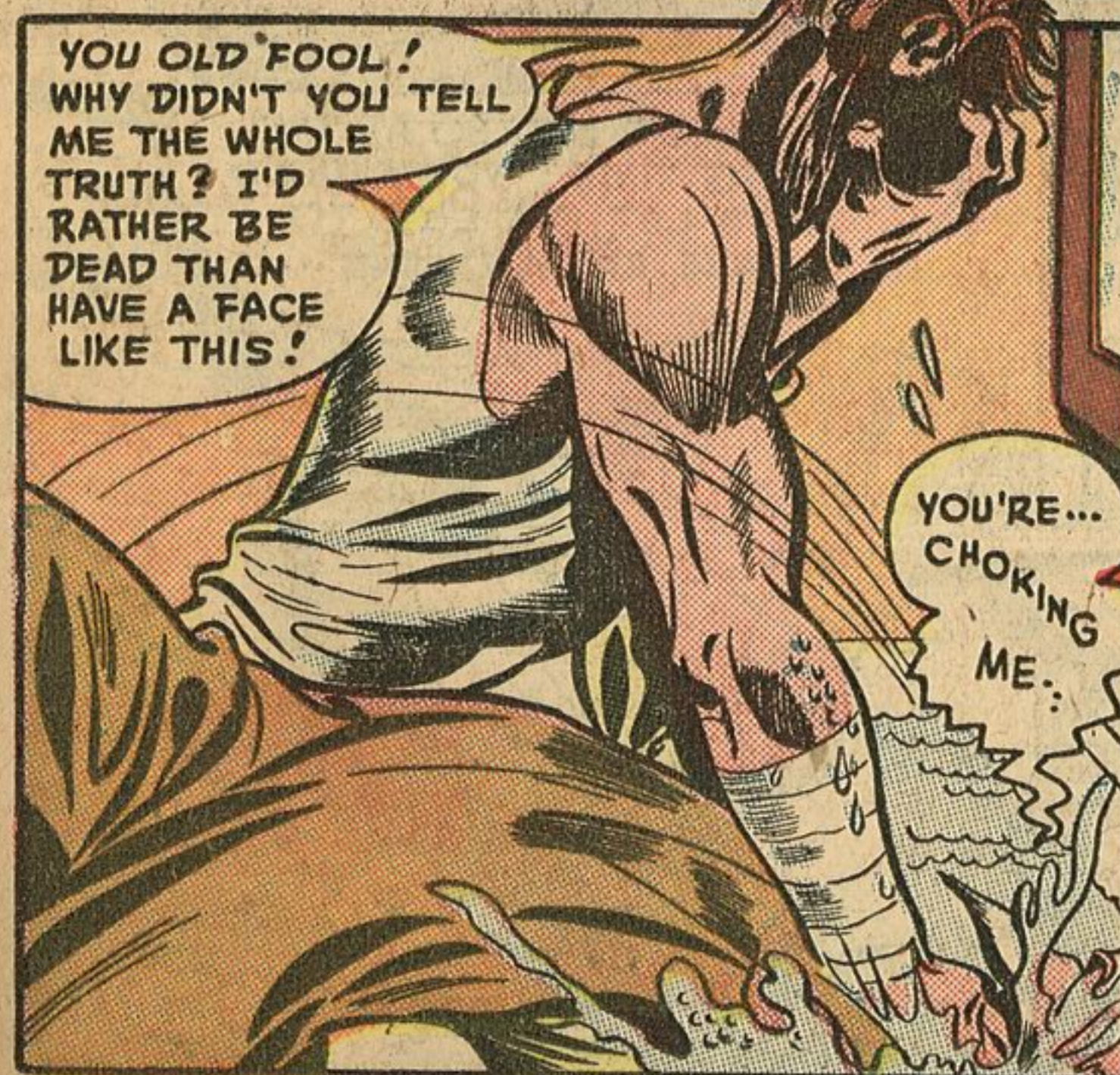
GOOD HUNTING, DARREL!



At this moment, Dan Vittorio receives the shock of his life....

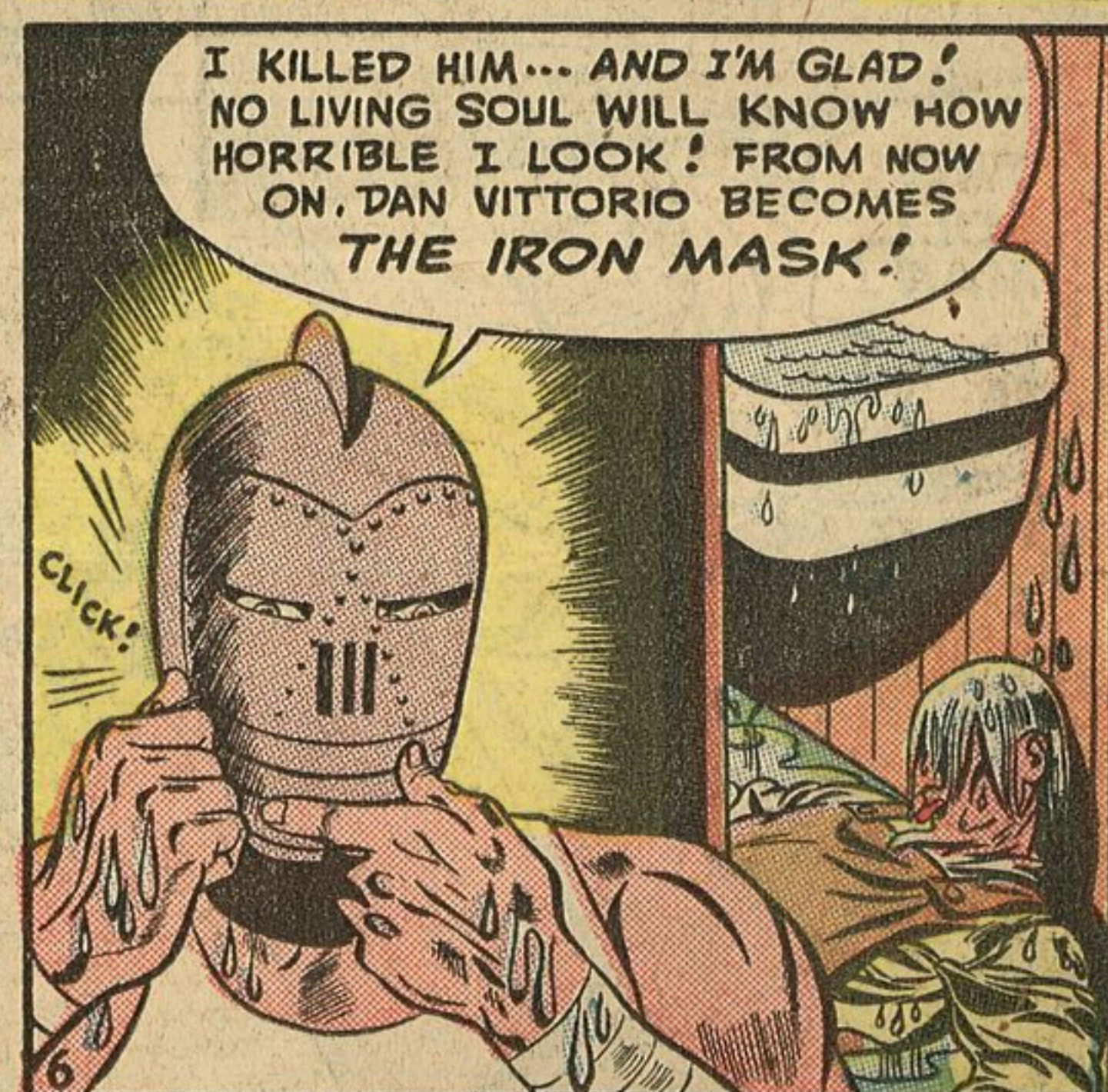
IT CAN'T BE! THIS ISN'T MY FACE!

I COULDN'T TELL YOU YOUR FACE WAS BURNED SO BAD... THE SHOCK MIGHT HAVE KILLED YOU!



YOU OLD FOOL! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THE WHOLE TRUTH? I'D RATHER BE DEAD THAN HAVE A FACE LIKE THIS!

YOU'RE... CHOKING ME!



I KILLED HIM... AND I'M GLAD! NO LIVING SOUL WILL KNOW HOW HORRIBLE I LOOK! FROM NOW ON, DAN VITTORIO BECOMES **THE IRON MASK!**

CLICK!

Later, in the crime headquarters of the syndicate ...

THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN GOING WELL FOR YOU, SINCE YOUR LEADER DIED! FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE YOUR LEADER! YOU'LL TAKE ORDERS ONLY FROM ME!

THAT VOICE! I'D KNOW IT ANYWHERE! YOU'RE D...



YOU WERE A GOOD MAN, MORBO! I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO KEEP YOU WORKING FOR ME! BUT YOU TALK TOO MUCH!

ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO JOIN HIM? SPEAK UP! GUESS WHO I REALLY AM!

N-NOT ME!

AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU'RE JUST A GUY IN AN IRON MASK!

THAT'S BETTER! THE PAST IS DEAD! FROM NOW ON, WE PLAN ONLY FOR THE FUTURE...

YOU HAVE NO FUTURE! WHY MAKE PLANS FOR IT?



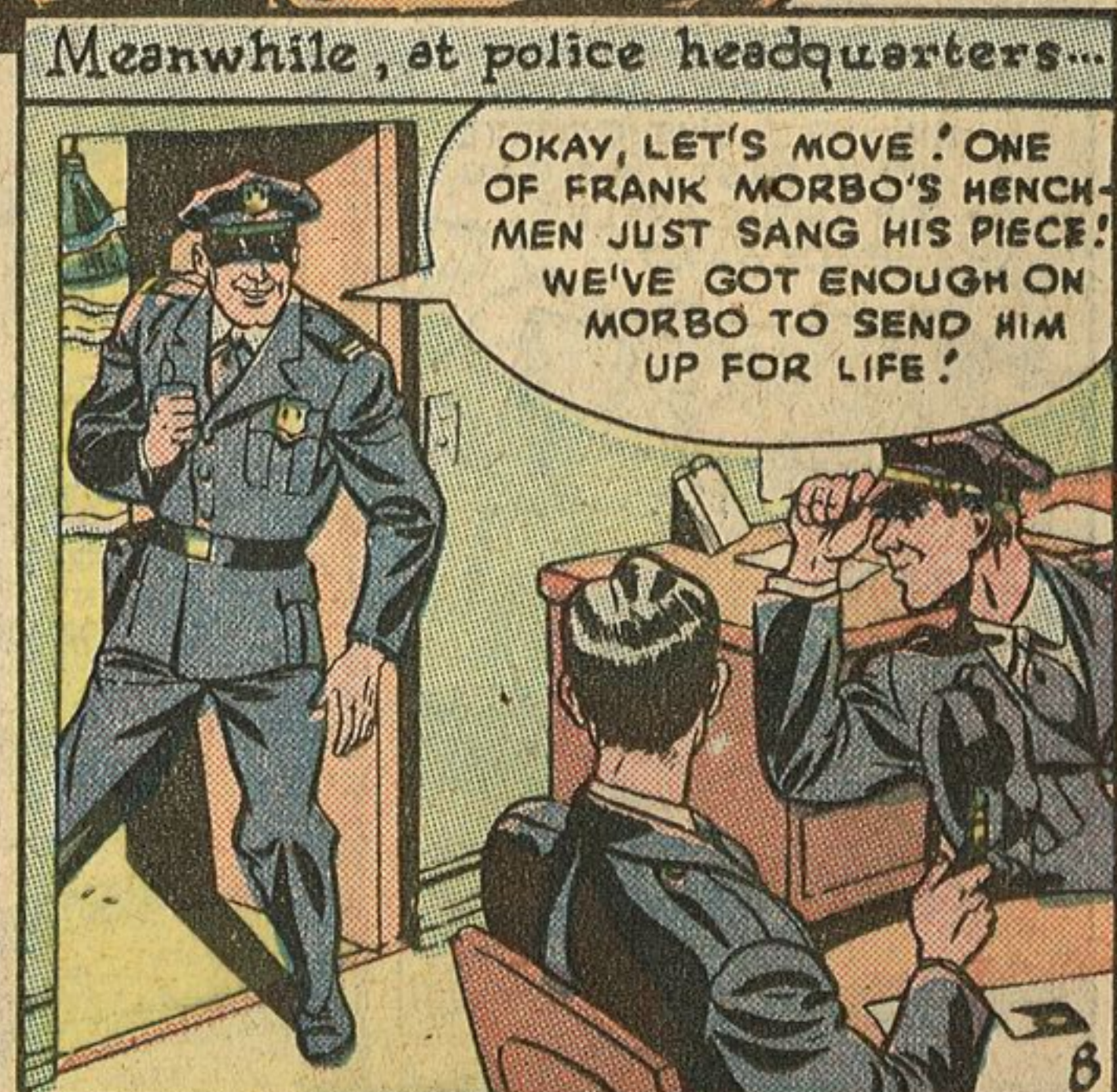
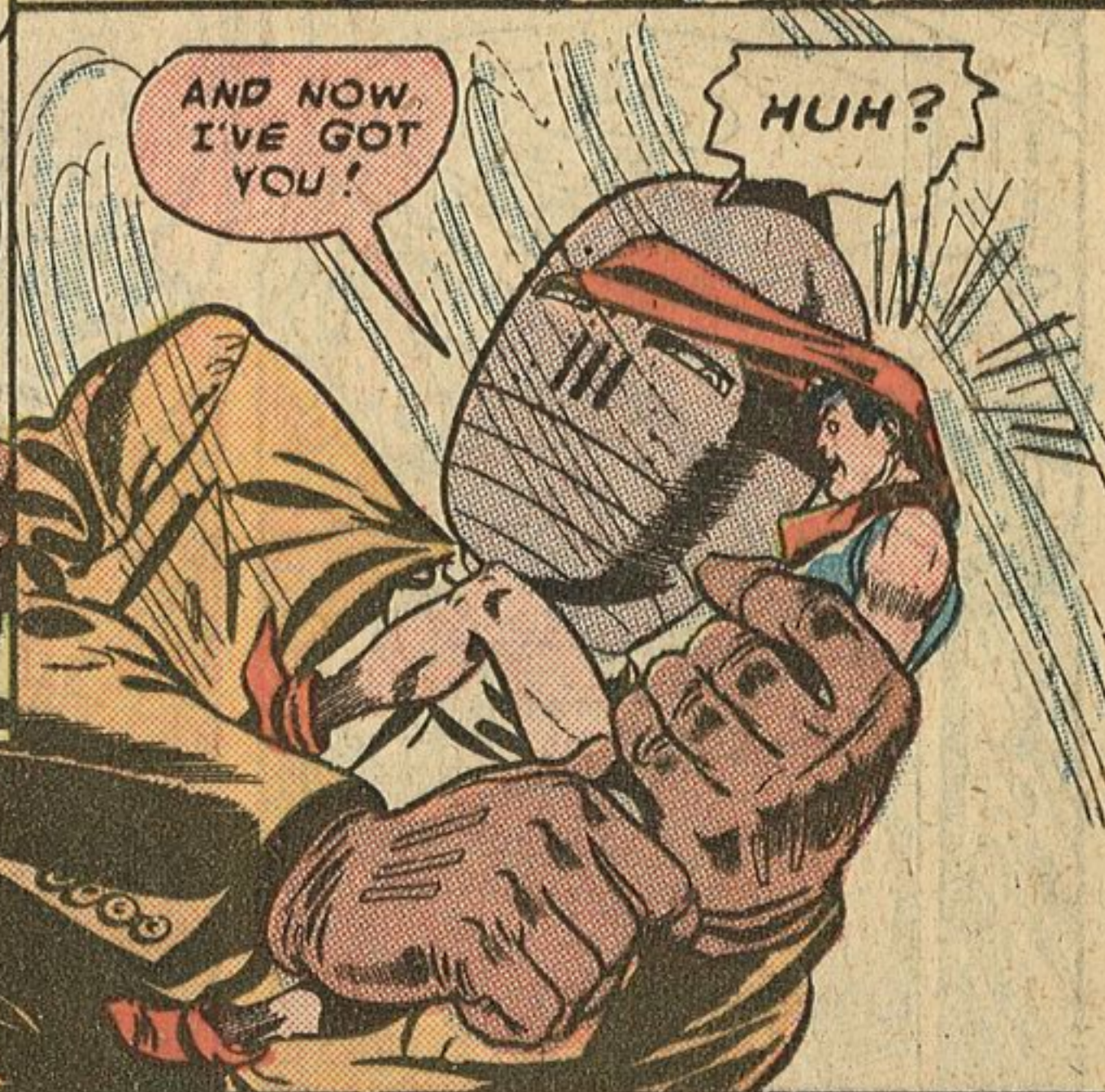
THE DOLL MAN!

YOU'RE ALL WASHED UP, TINHEAD!

YOU KILLED MORBO AT THE WRONG TIME! YOU SHOULD HAVE LET HIM LIVE TO TAKE HIS MEDICINE...

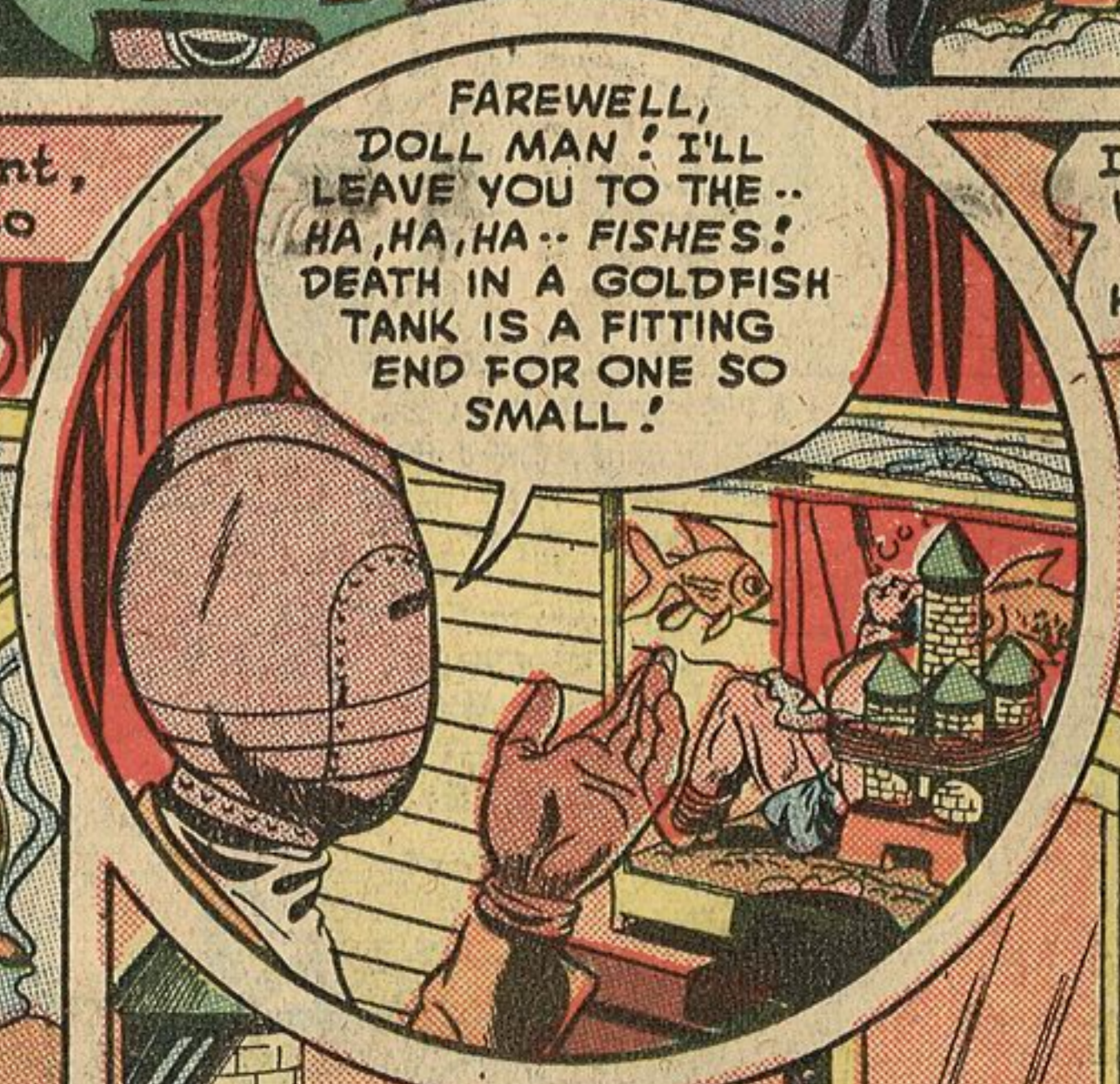


CRASH!





THIS IS THE END OF THE CRIME SYNDICATE! WE'VE GOT 'EM DEAD TO RIGHTS!

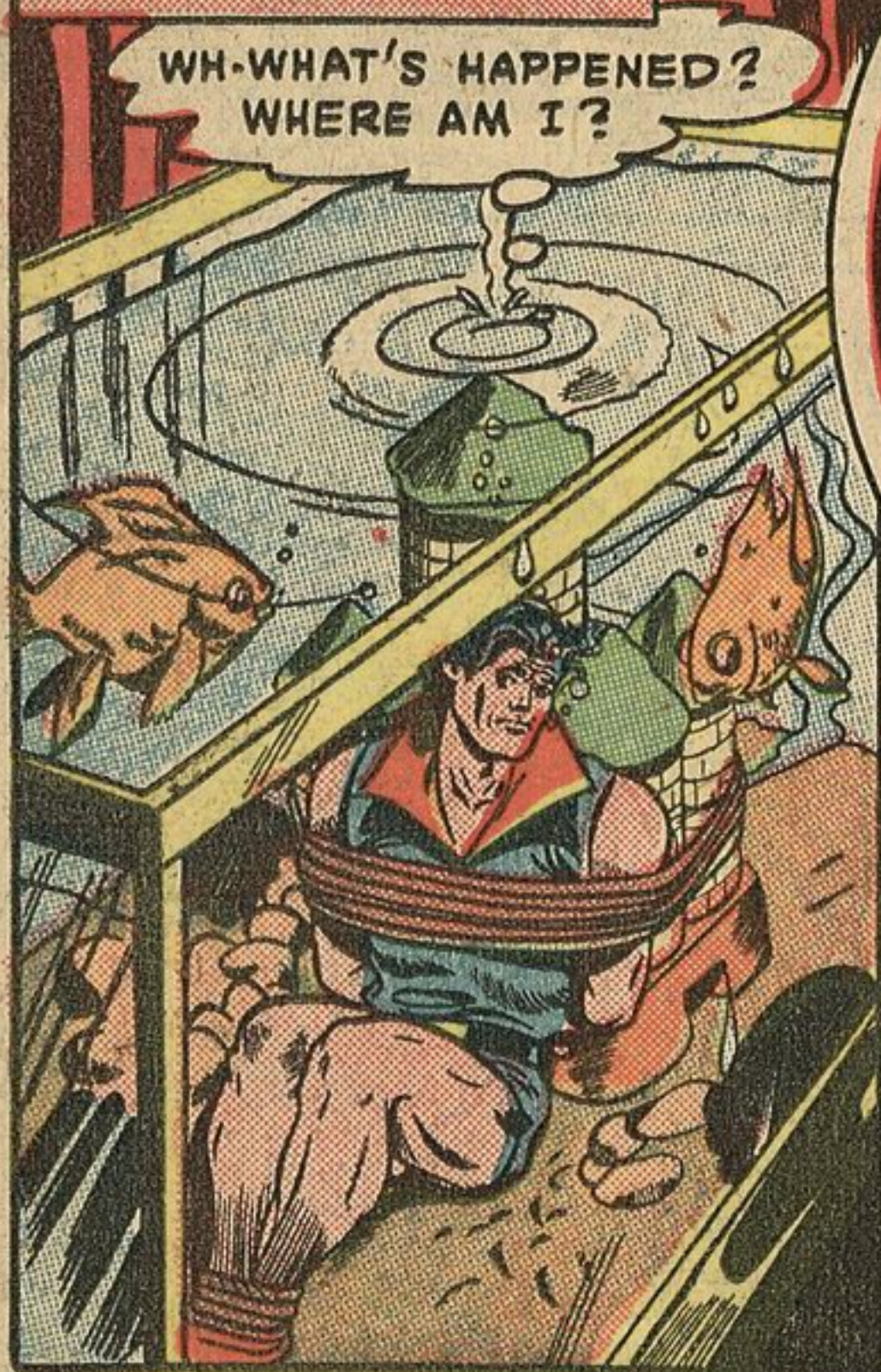


FAREWELL, DOLL MAN! I'LL LEAVE YOU TO THE... HA, HA, HA... FISHES! DEATH IN A GOLDFISH TANK IS A FITTING END FOR ONE SO SMALL!

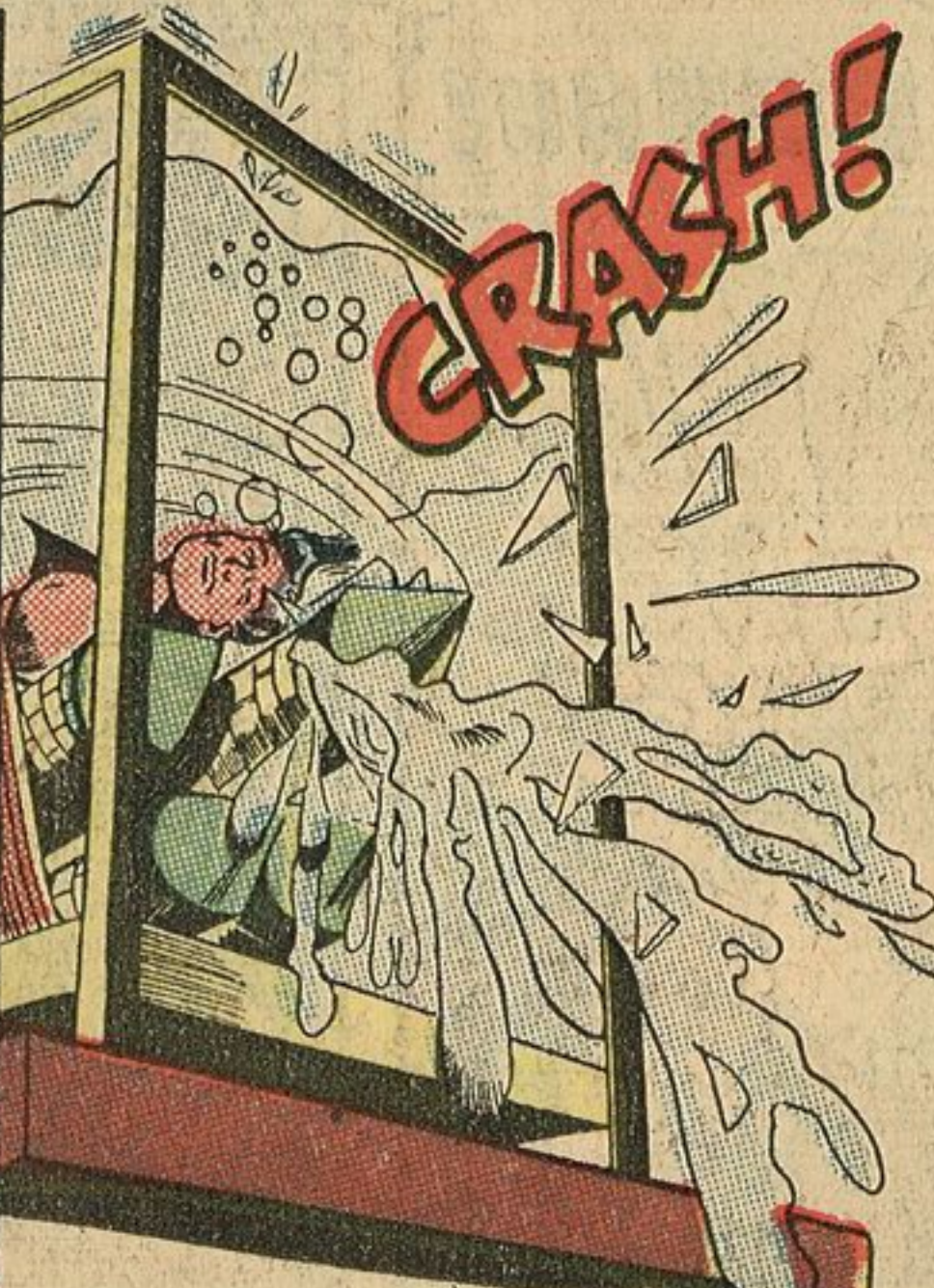
I WOULD ENJOY WATCHING YOUR AGONY... BUT I HAVE A PREVIOUS APPOINTMENT! YOU SEE I'M GOING TO COLLECT SOME WALLPAPER! HA, HA, HA!

And at this very moment, the DOLL MAN is face to face with death...

WH-WHAT'S HAPPENED? WHERE AM I?

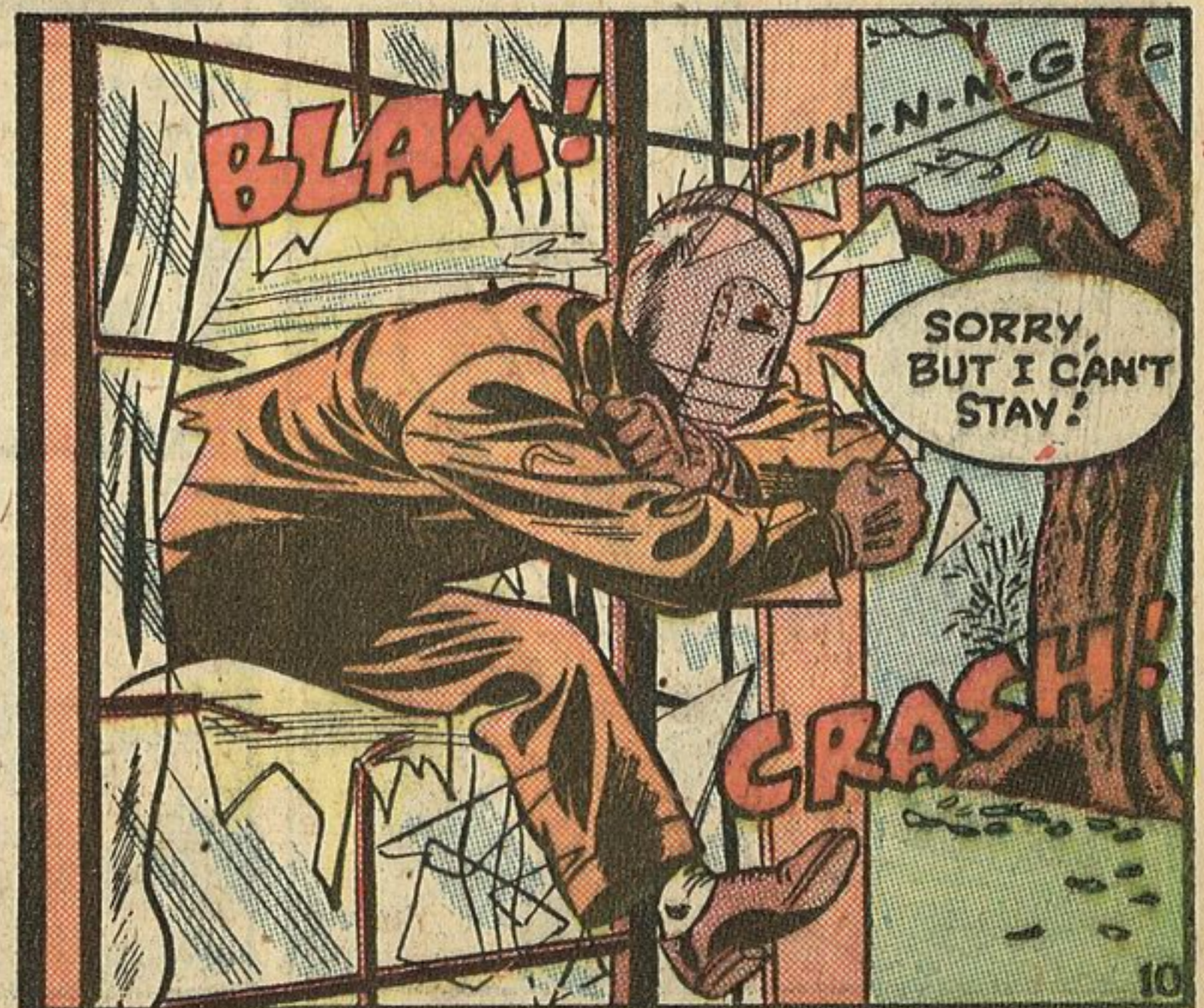
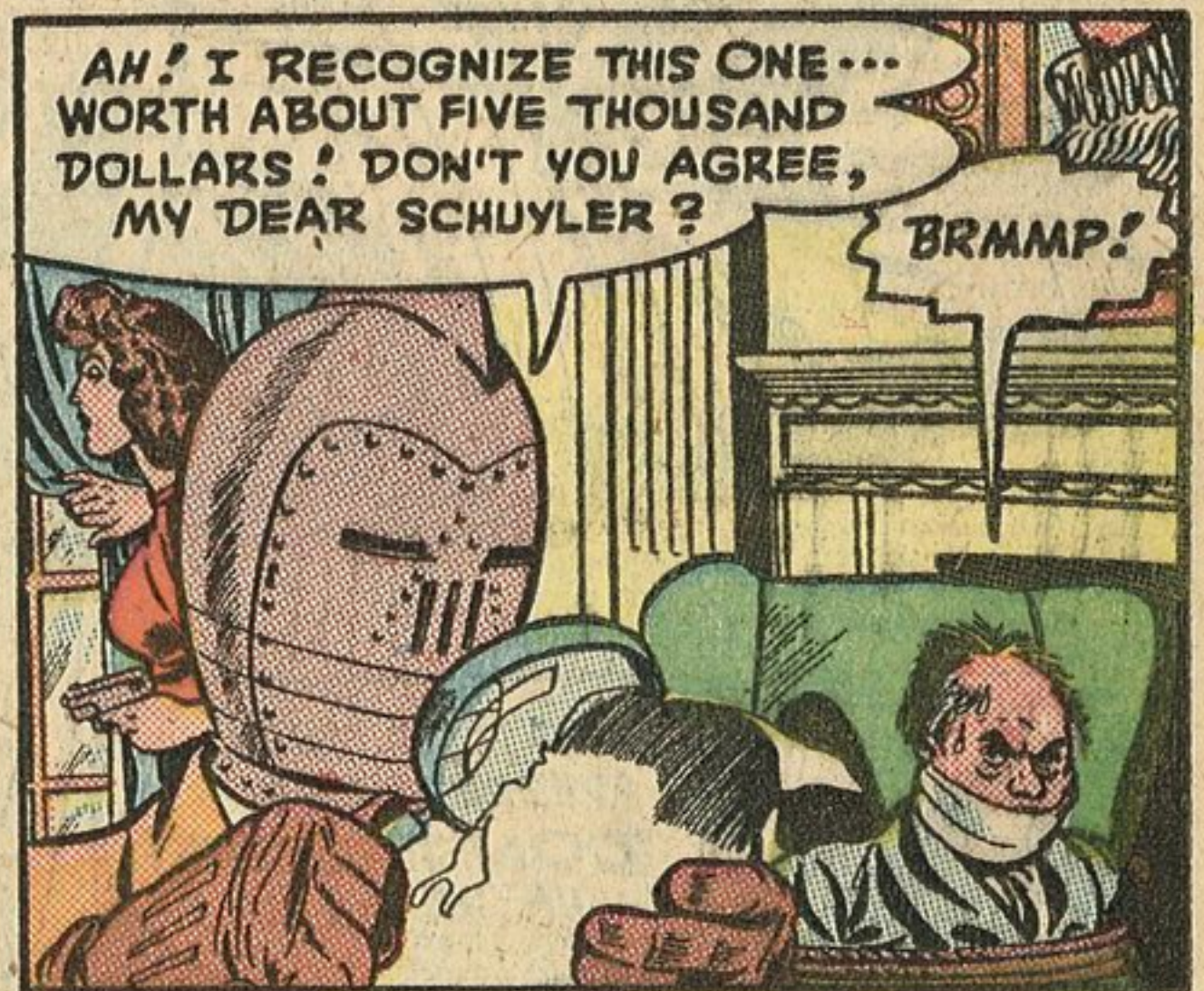
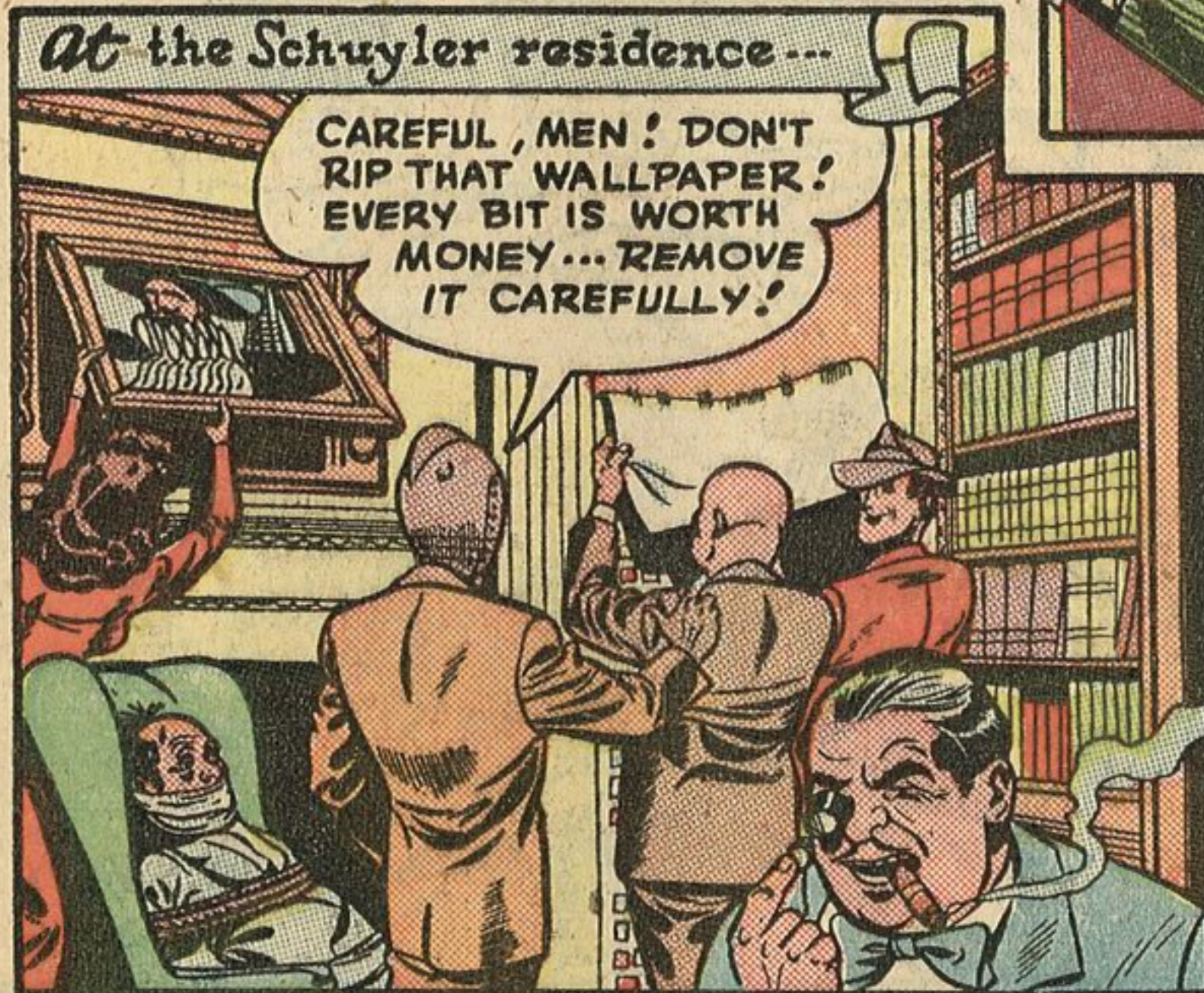


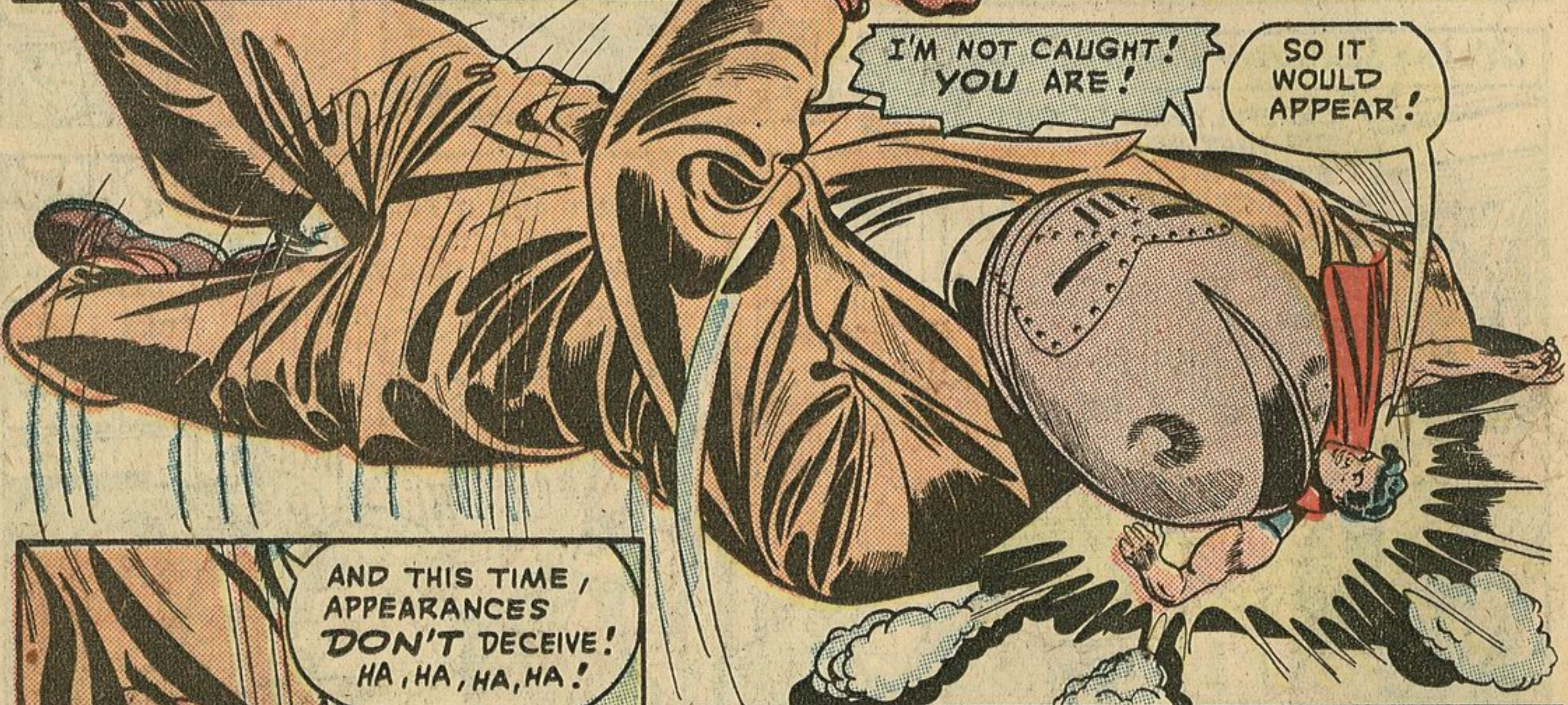
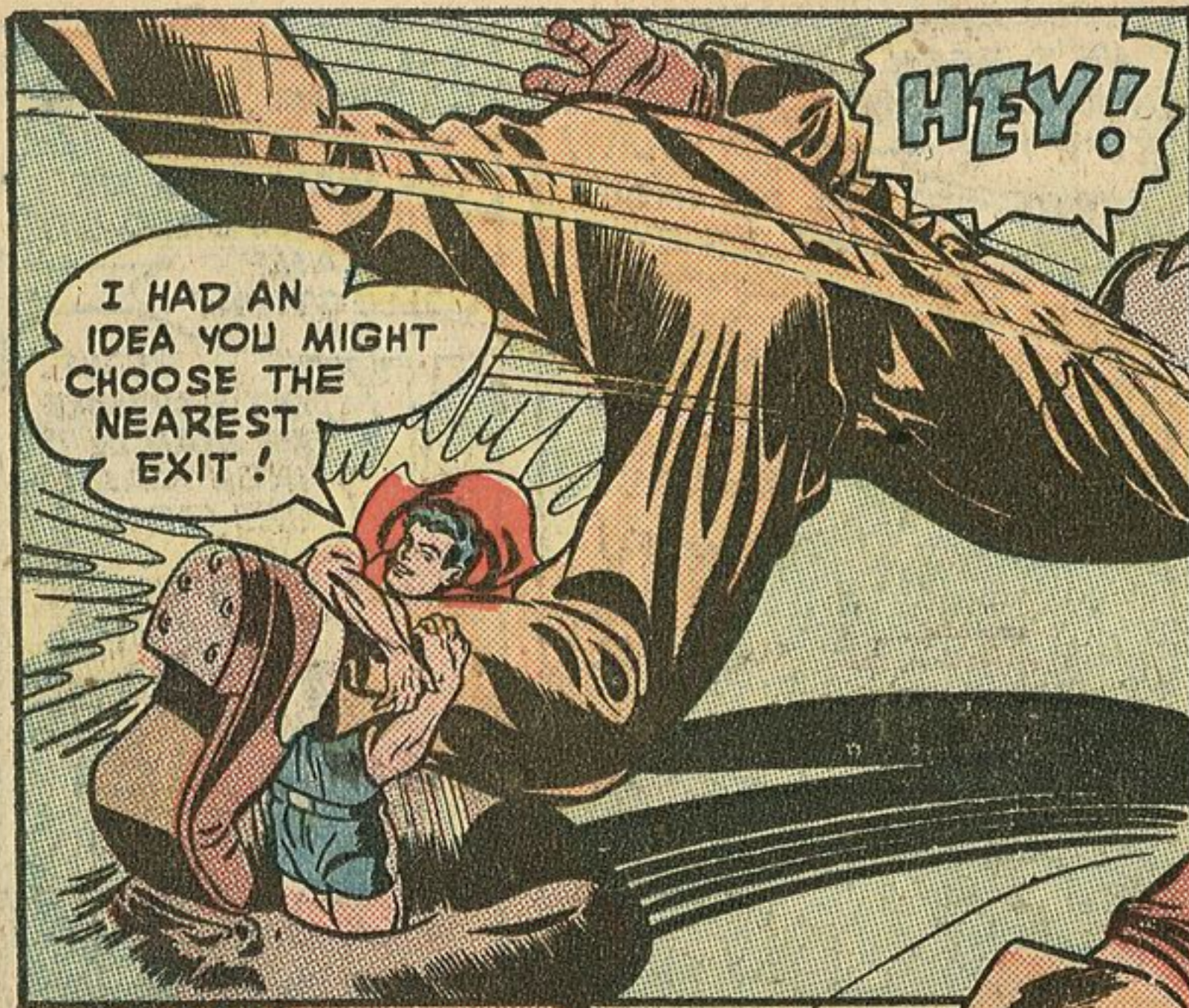
CAN'T LAST... ANOTHER MINUTE! I'VE GOT TO... WORK FAST! IF I CAN TIP THIS CASTLE BACKWARD...

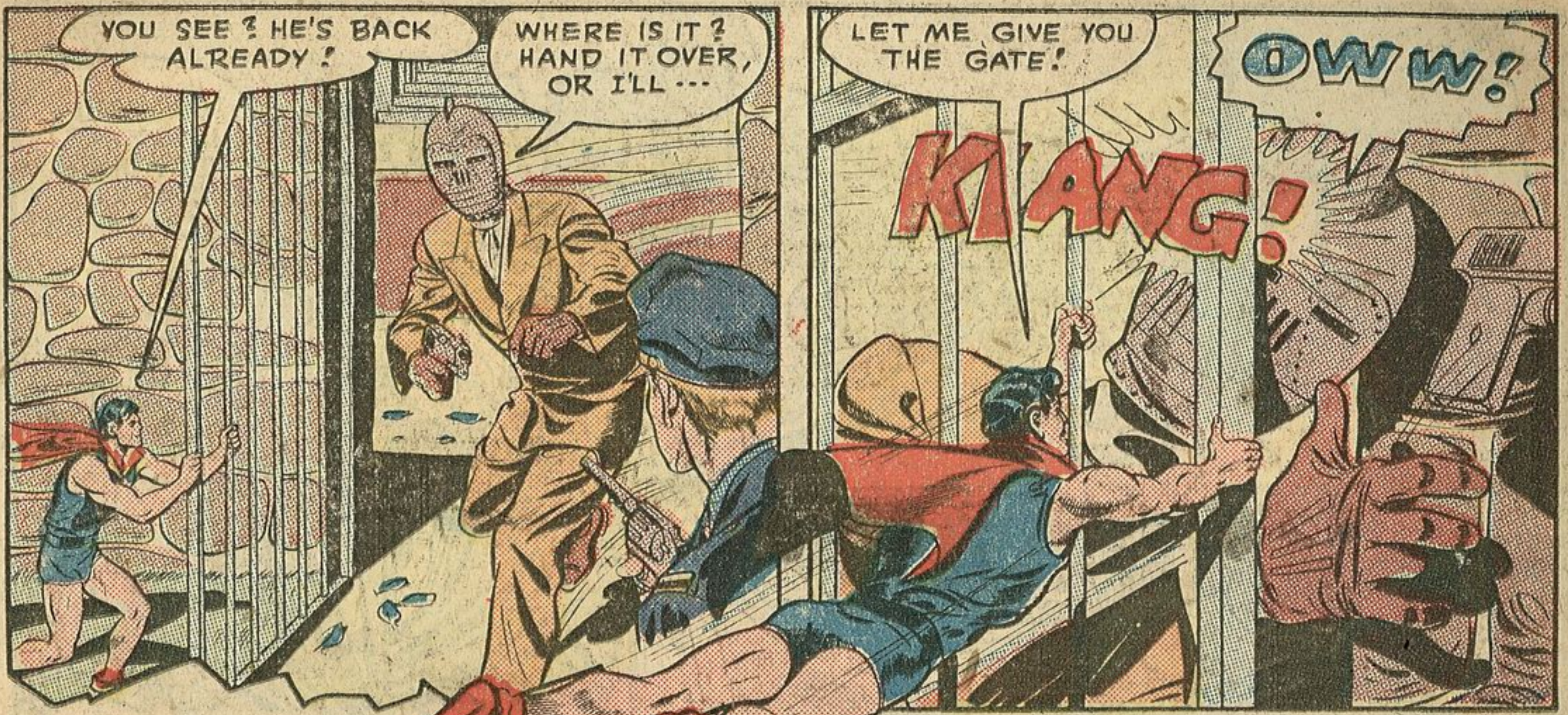


IT WORKED! ENOUGH WATER POURED OUT TO BRING THE LEVEL DOWN! I CAN BREATHE AGAIN!









YOU SEE? HE'S BACK ALREADY!

WHERE IS IT? HAND IT OVER, OR I'LL ---

LET ME GIVE YOU THE GATE!

OWW!

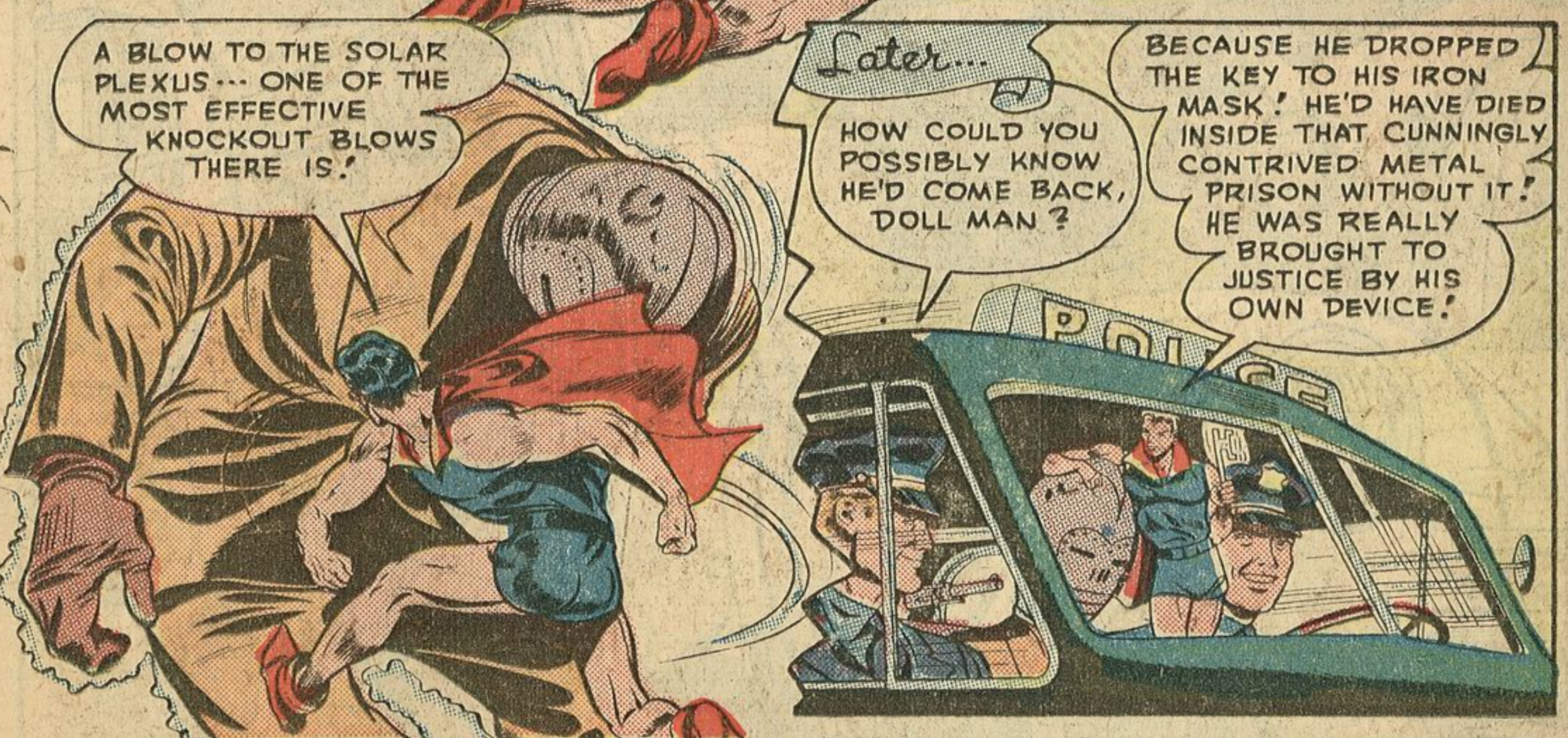
KI'ANG!

A BLOW TO THE SOLAR PLEXUS... ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE KNOCKOUT BLOWS THERE IS!

Later...

HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY KNOW HE'D COME BACK, DOLL MAN?

BECAUSE HE DROPPED THE KEY TO HIS IRON MASK! HE'D HAVE DIED INSIDE THAT CUNNINGLY CONTRIVED METAL PRISON WITHOUT IT! HE WAS REALLY BROUGHT TO JUSTICE BY HIS OWN DEVICE!



THE POLICE IDENTIFIED DAN VITTORIO AS THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK! HE WAS HORRIBLY DISFIGURED, BUT HIS FINGERPRINTS WERE UNMISTAKABLE!

THAT ELIMINATES THE POSSIBILITY OF THE CRIME SYNDICATE BEING REVIVED!

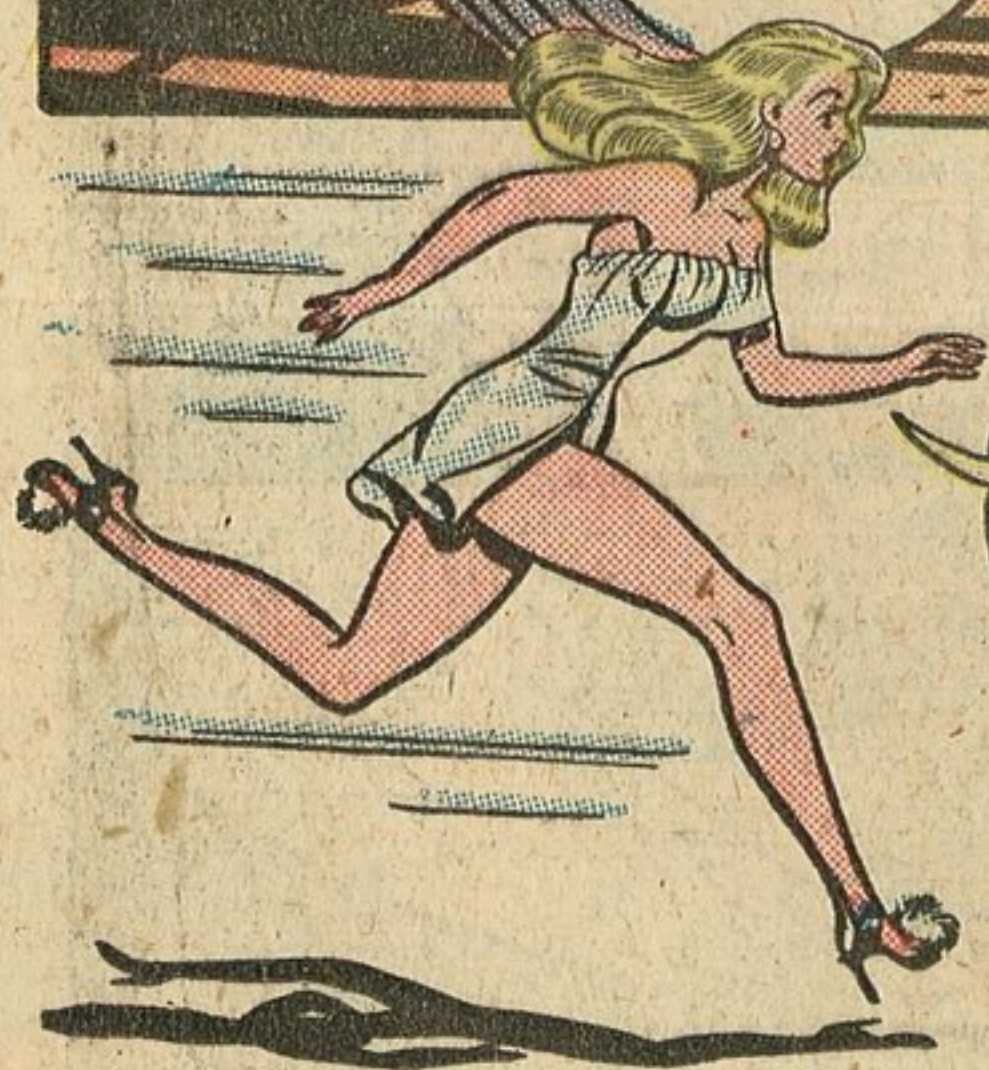
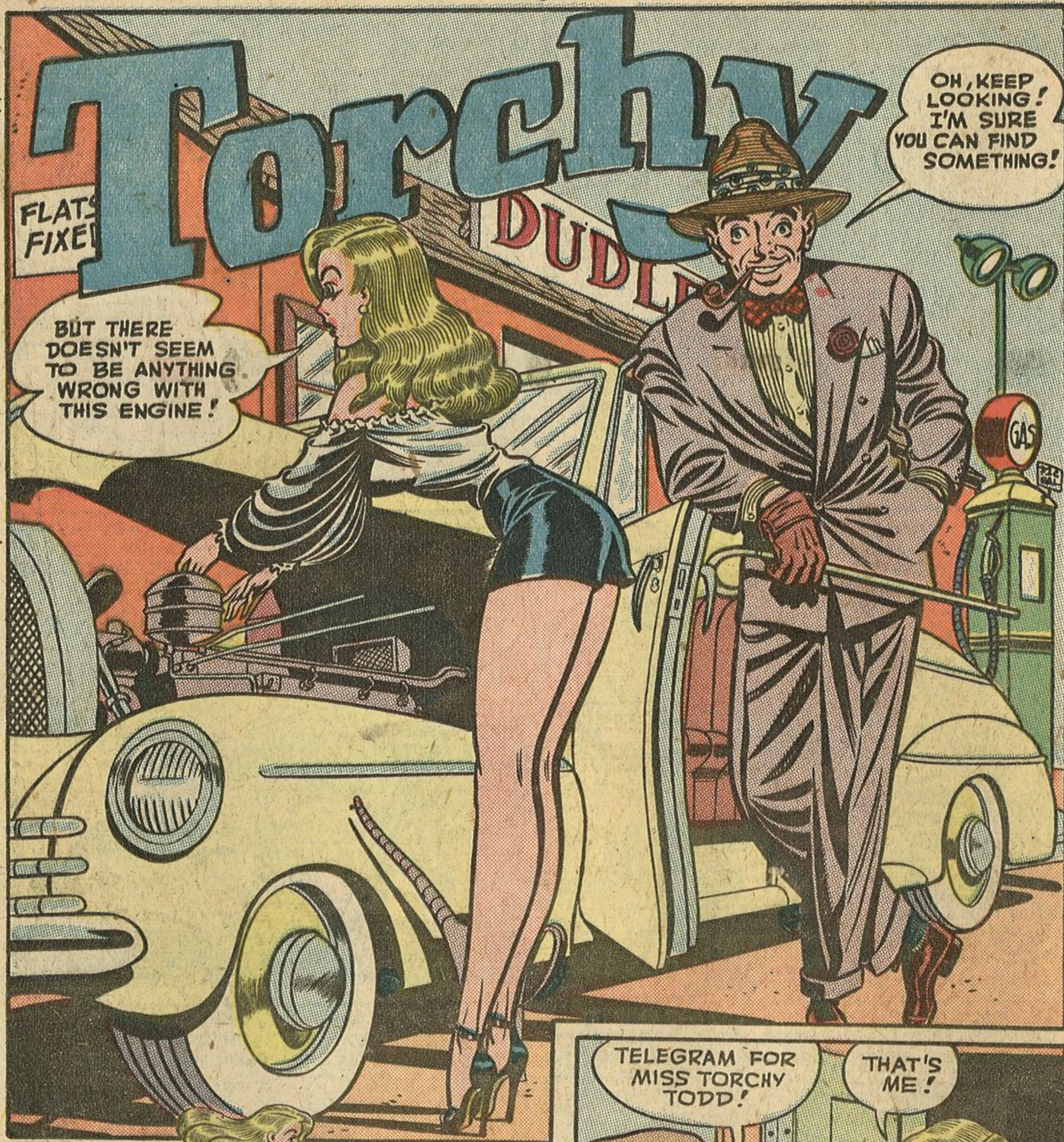
BY THE WAY, WHAT HAPPENED TO DARREL? HE WAS HERE A FEW MINUTES AGO!

I'M AFRAID WE WON'T BE SEEING MUCH OF DARREL FOR A FEW DAYS--



--- AT LEAST, NOT UNTIL THE DOLL MAN STOPS HAVING SO MUCH FUN WITH HIS NEW DOLLPLANE!



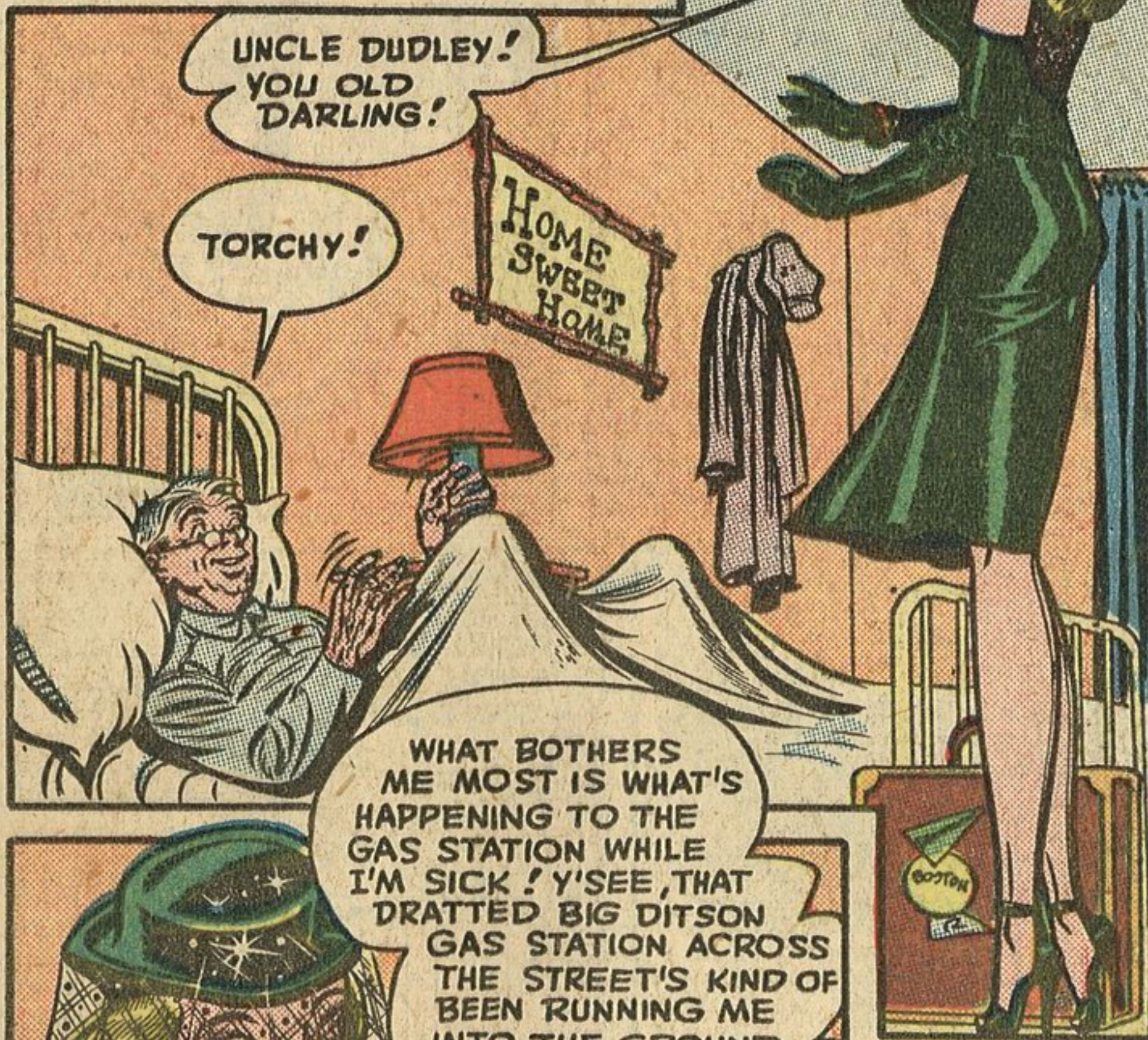
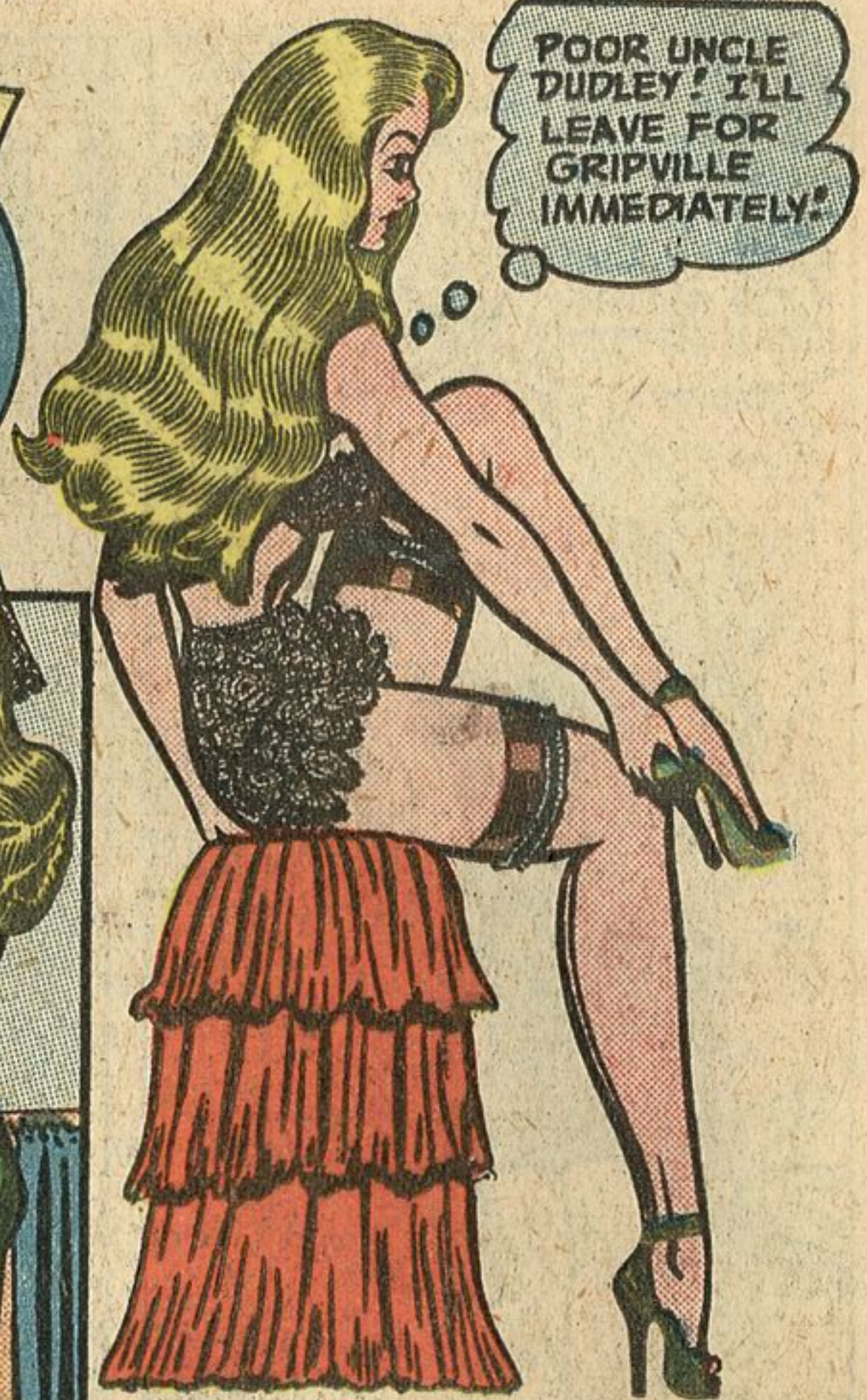


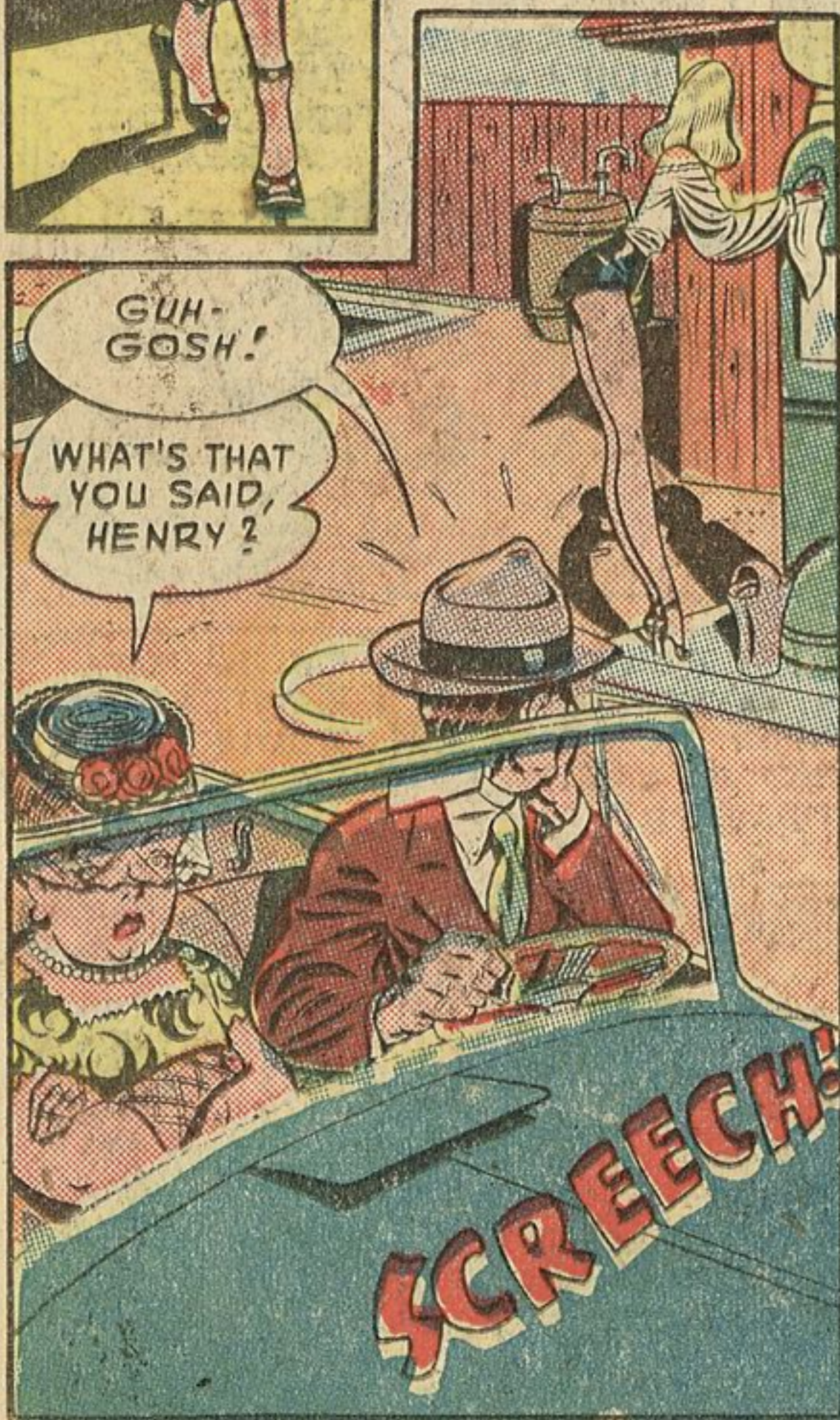
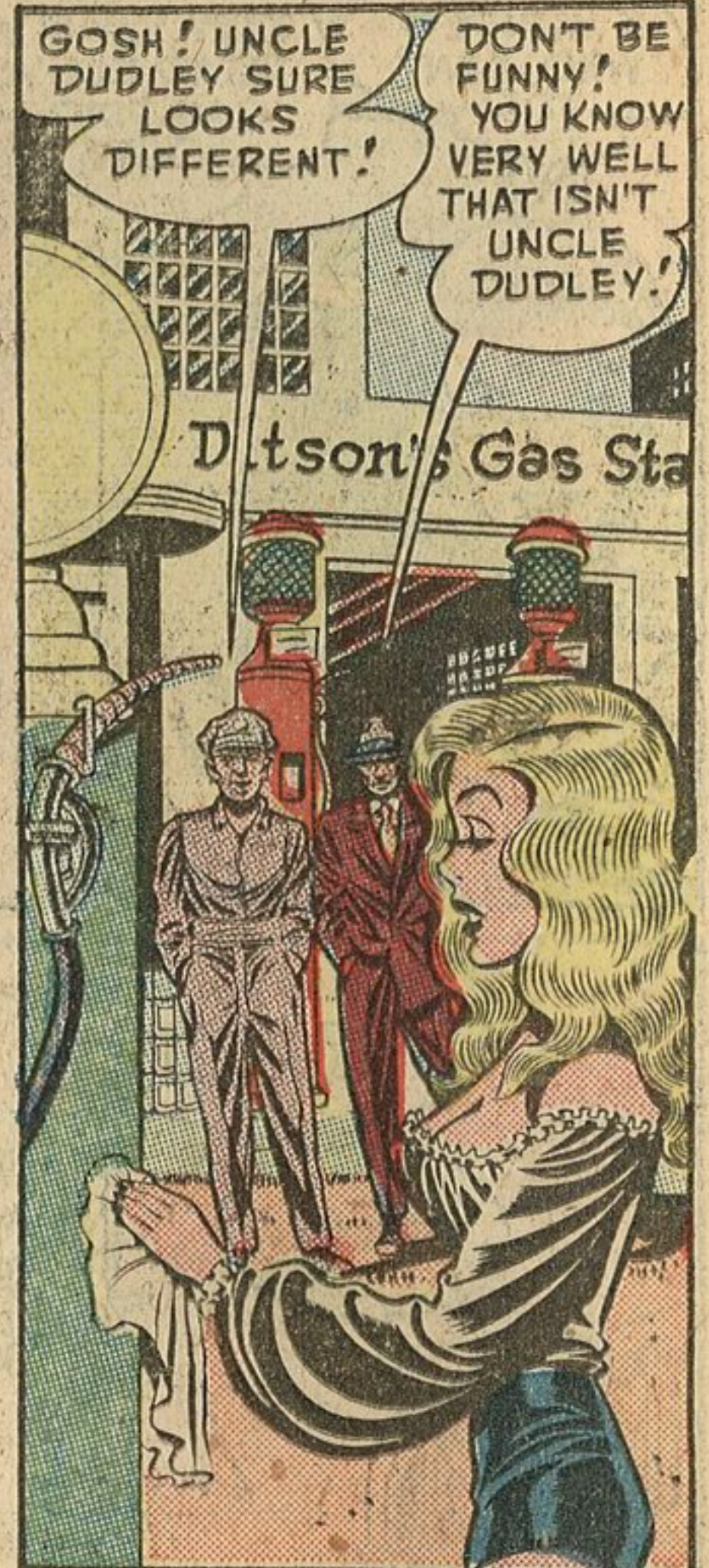
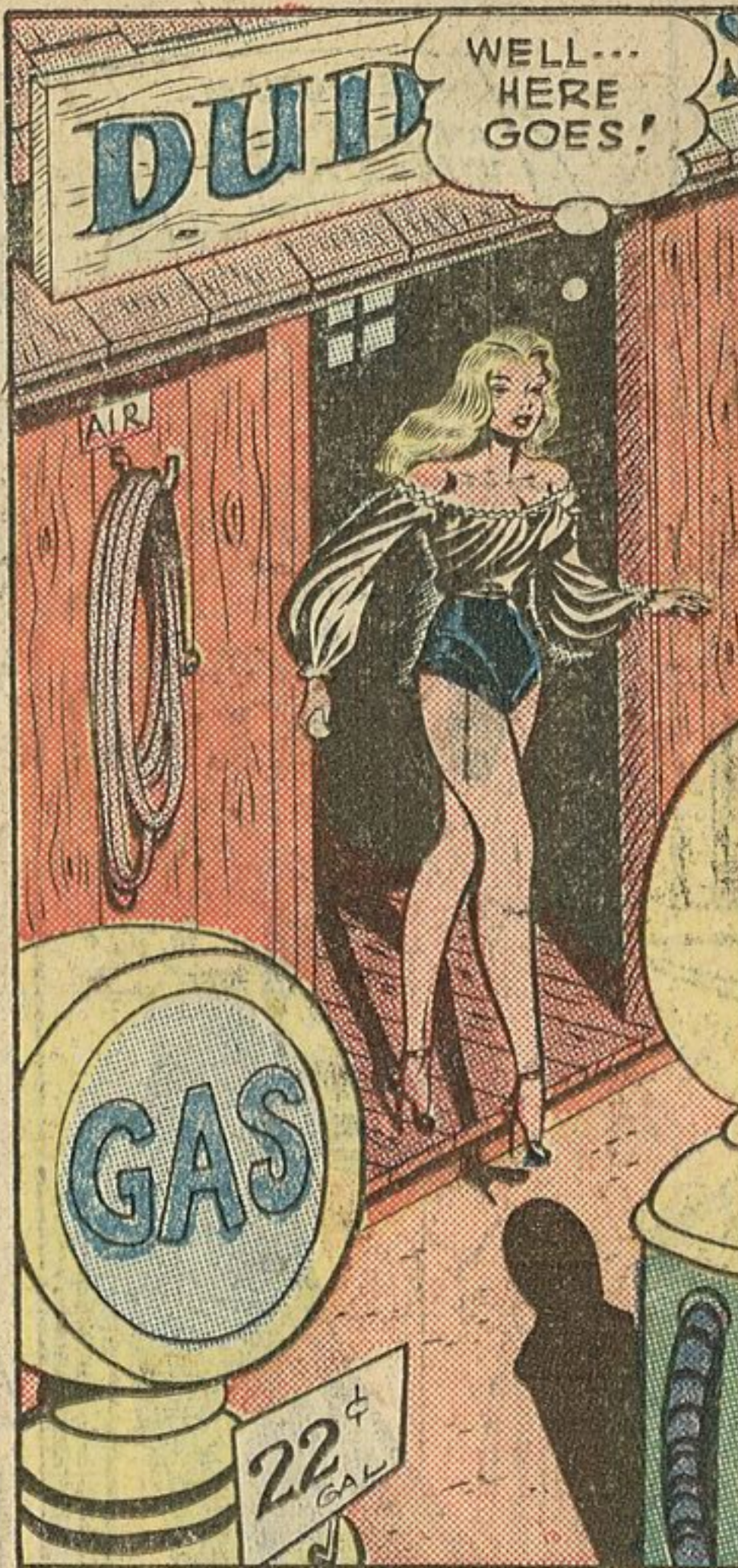
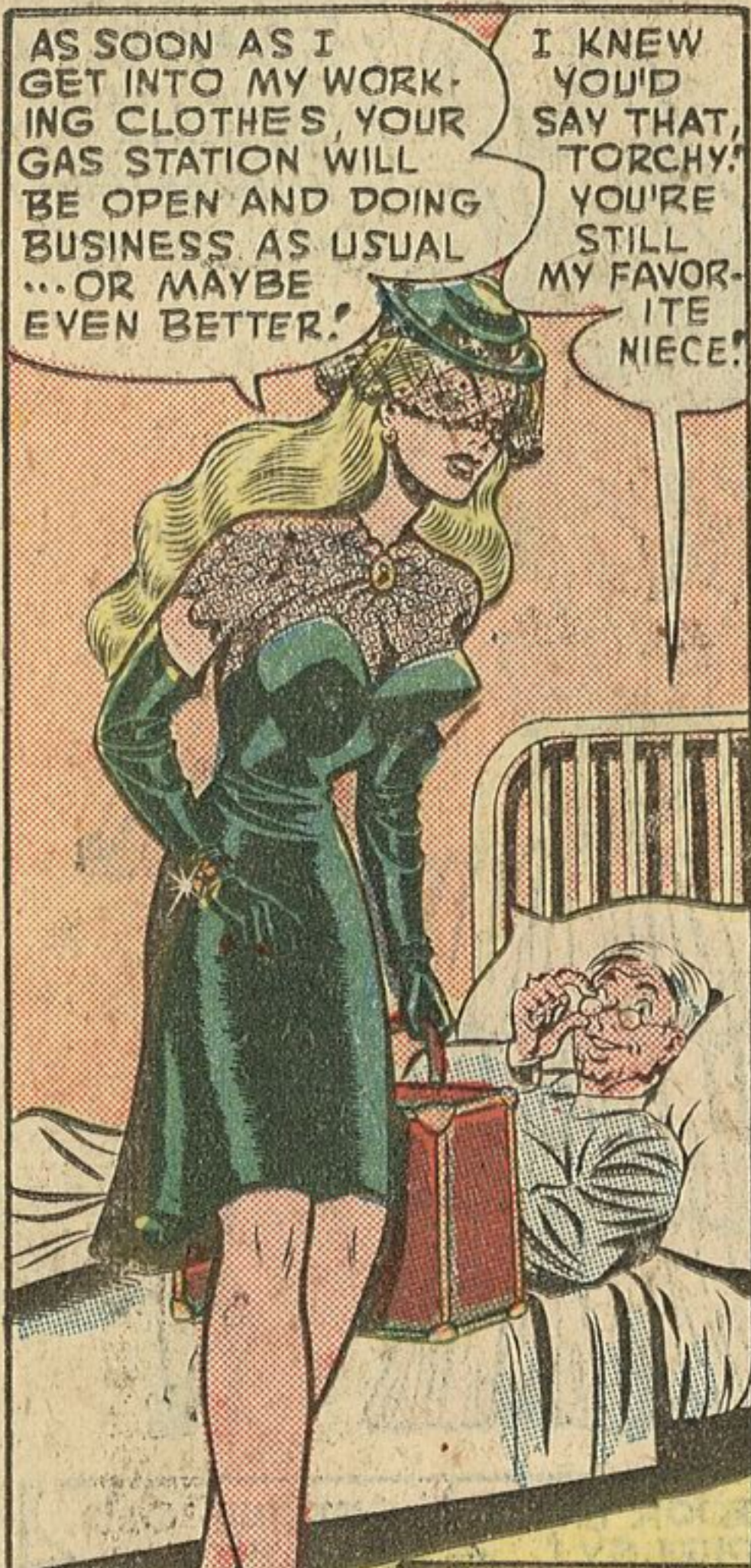
THAT DOOR-BELL ALWAYS RINGS WHEN I'M IN THE SHOWER!

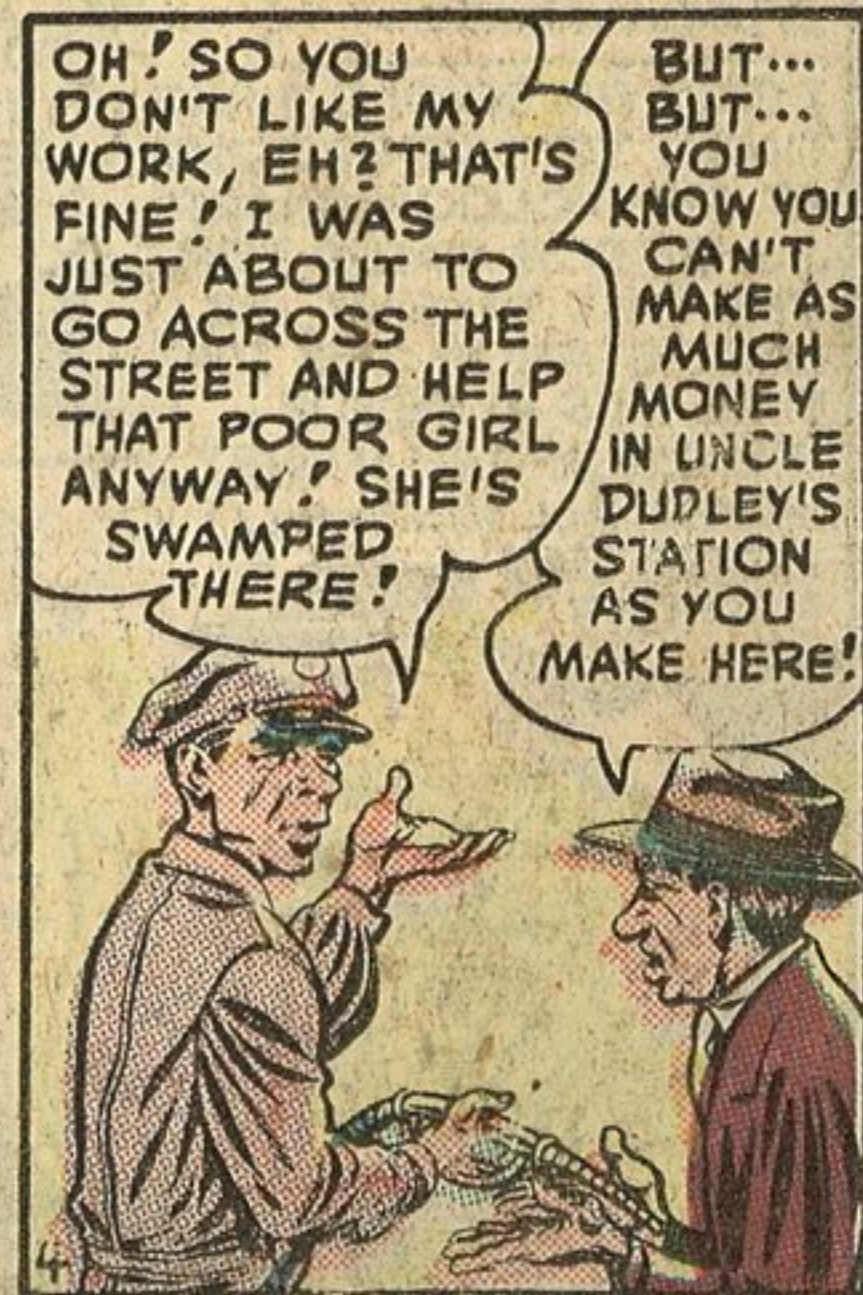
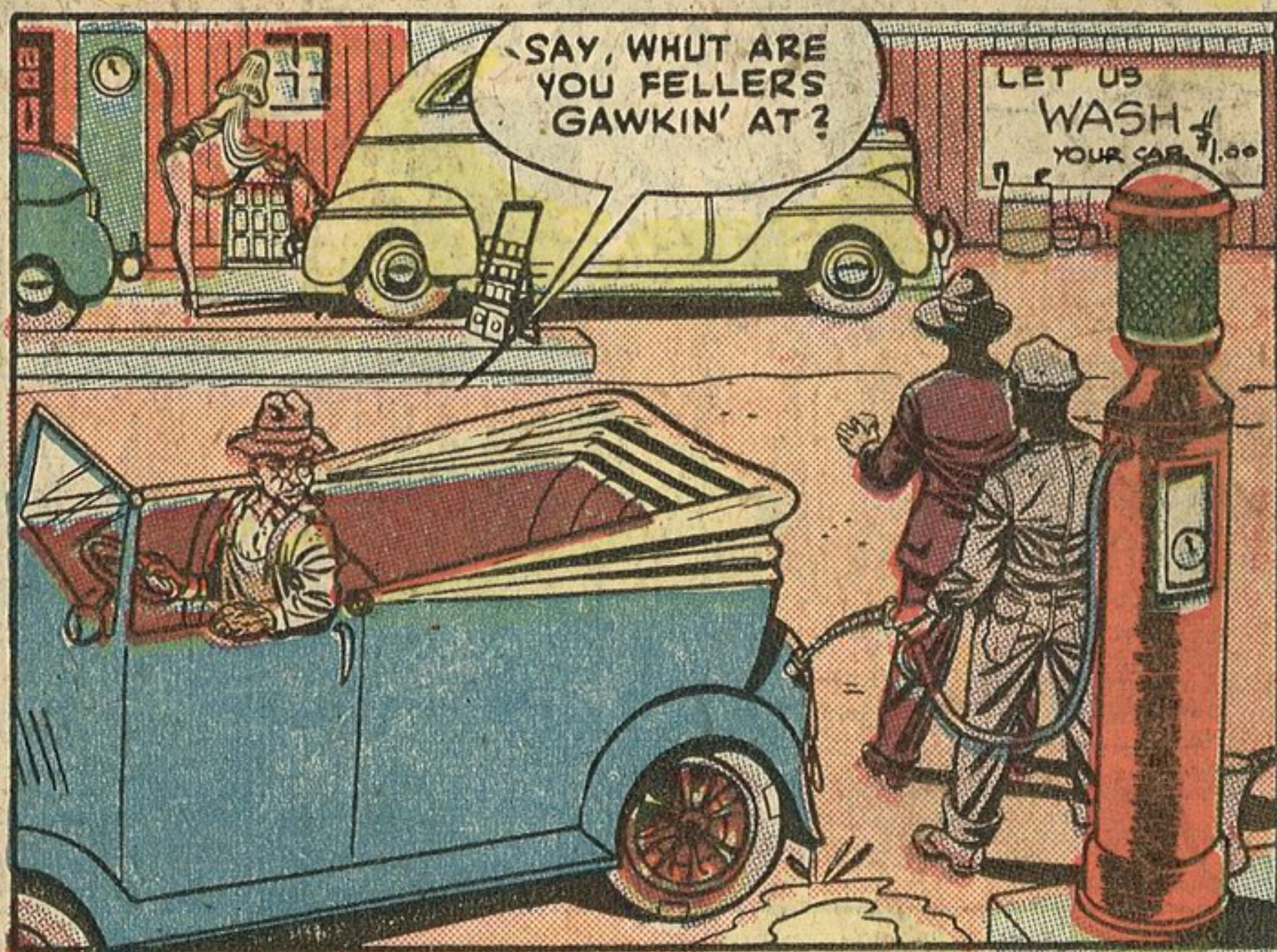
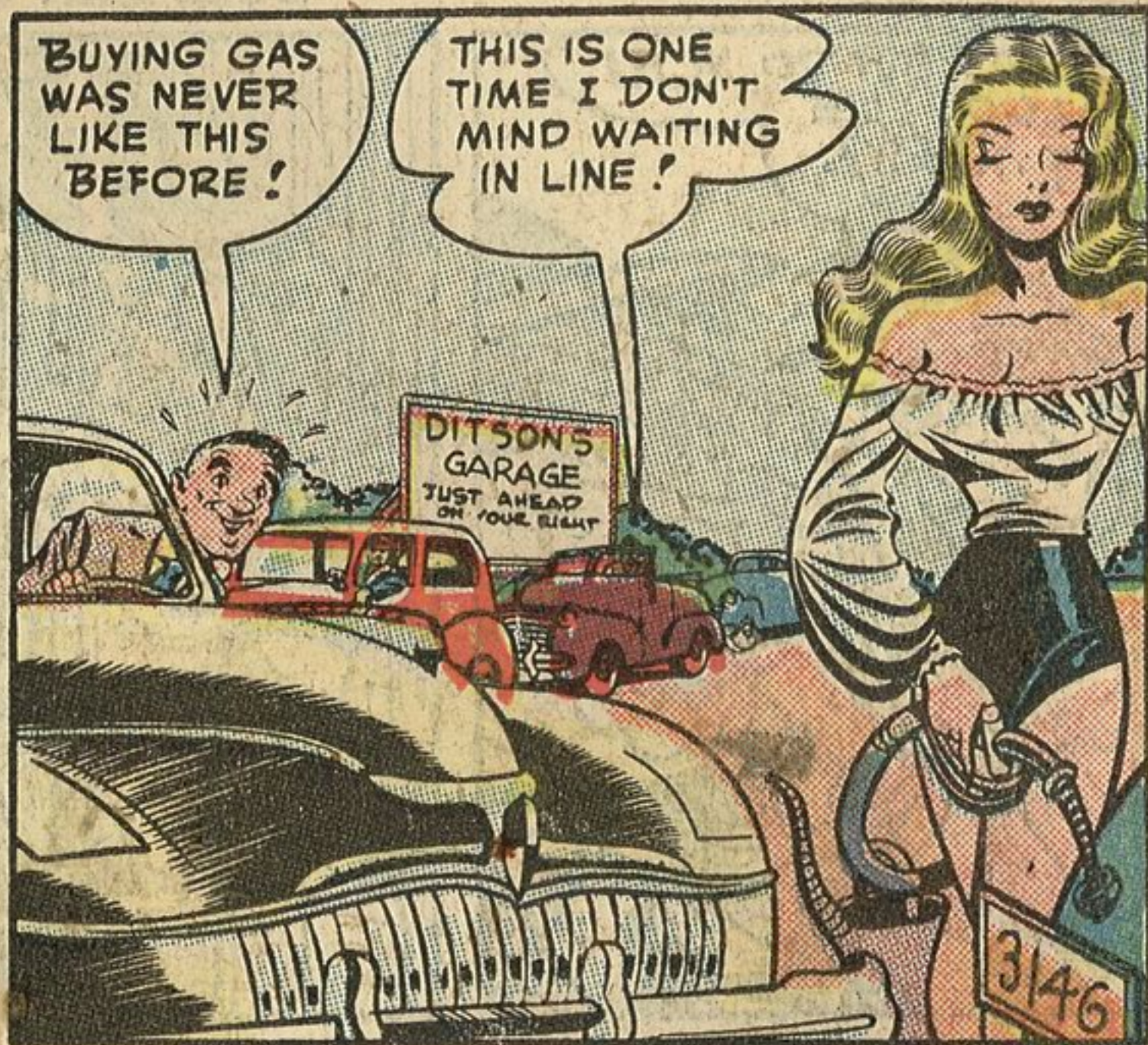
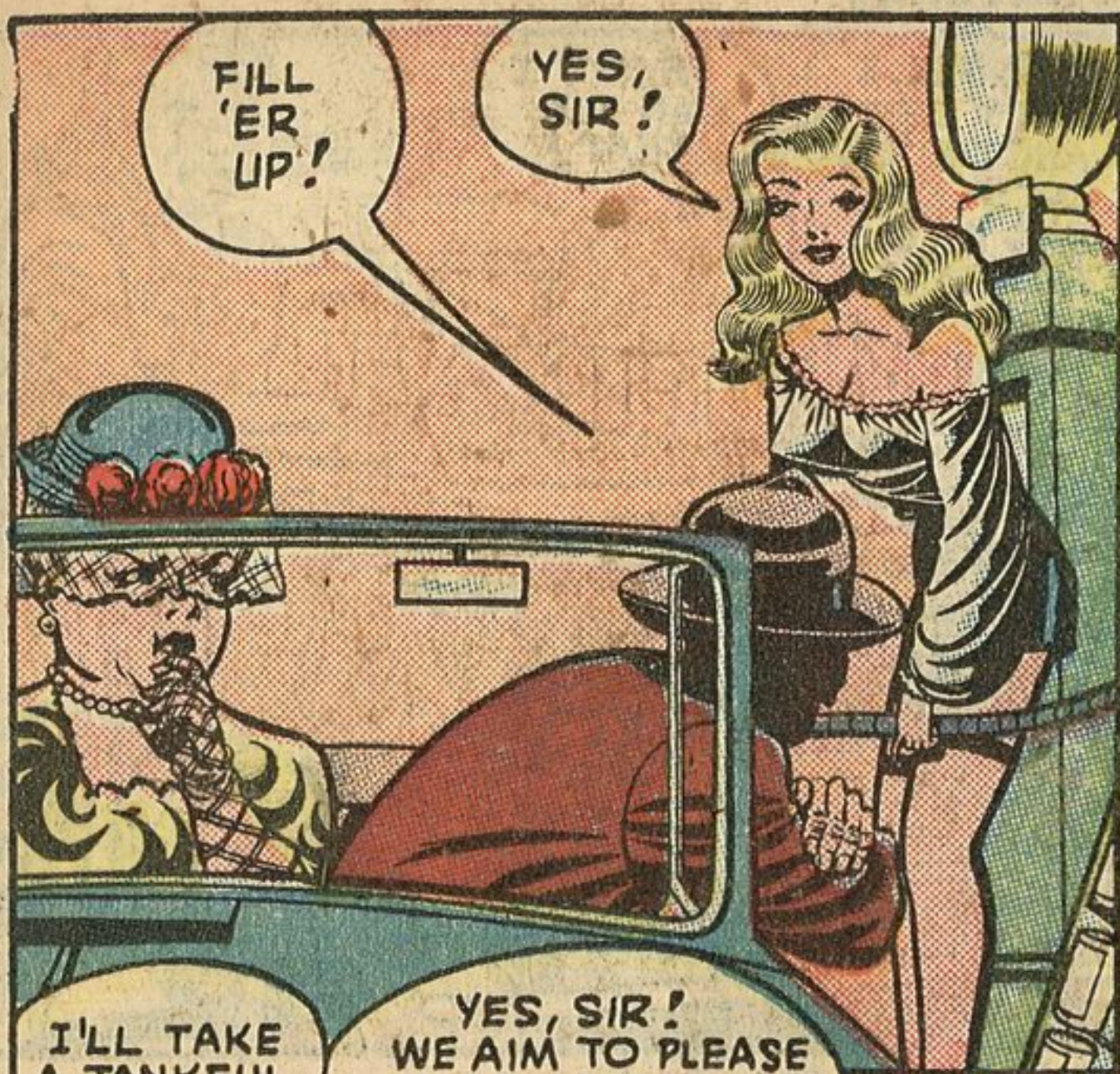




- TELEGRAM -
AM SICK AND UNABLE TO RUN GAS STATION. FEAR COMPETITOR WILL TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETELY RUIN ME. NEED HELP.
UNCLE DUDLEY

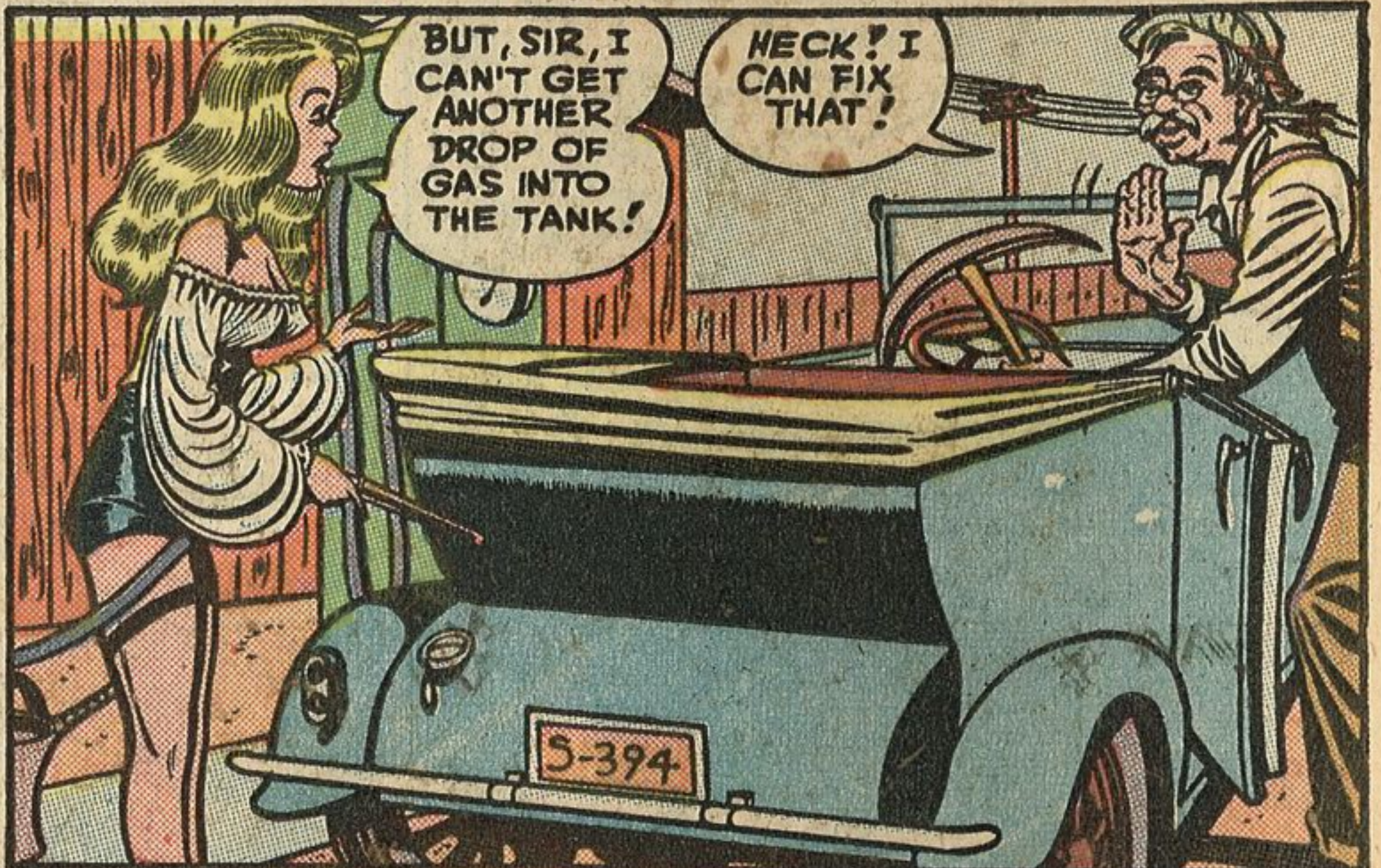






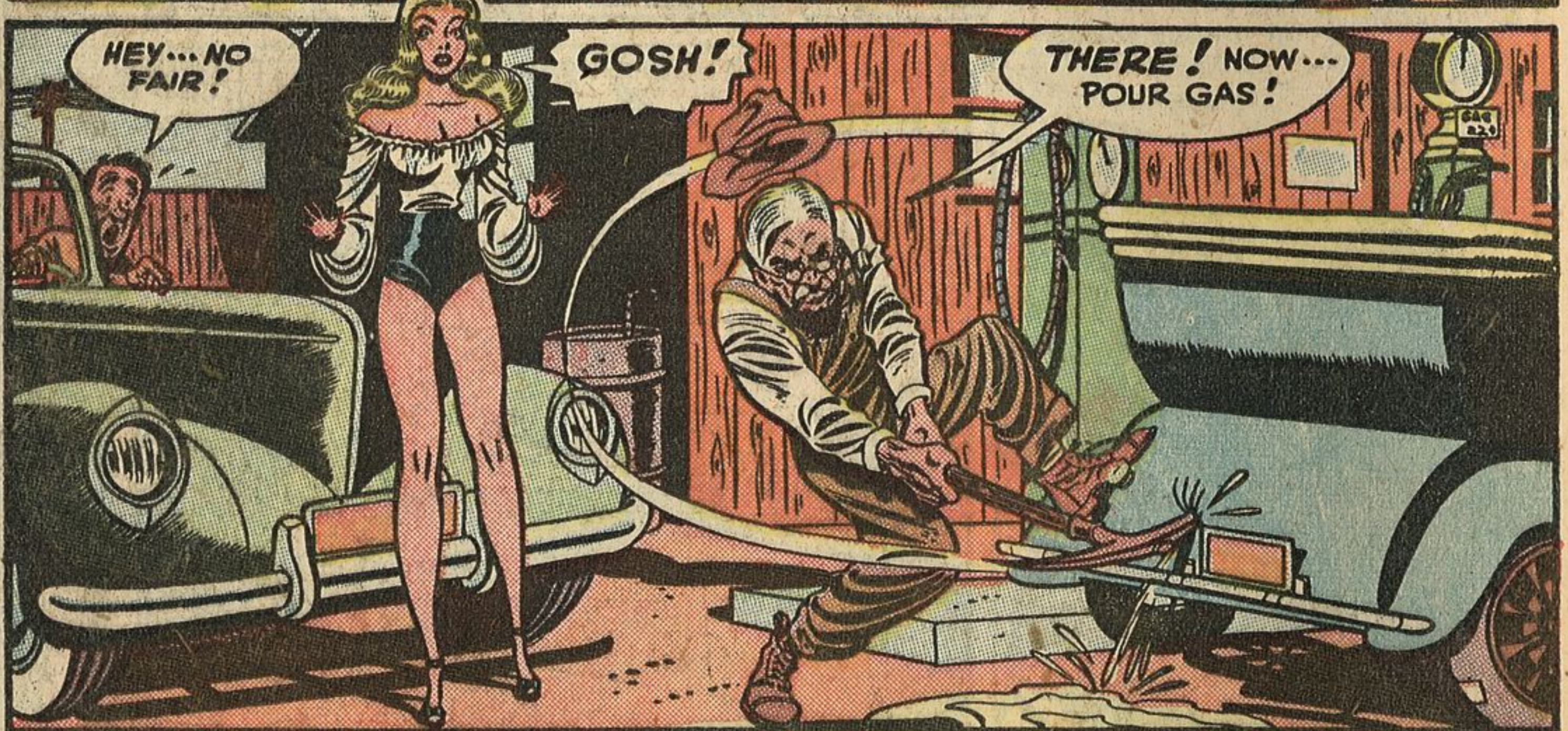


SURE! BUT DO YOU
LOOK LIKE
HER?



BUT, SIR, I
CAN'T GET
ANOTHER
DROP OF
GAS INTO
THE TANK!

HECK! I
CAN FIX
THAT!



HEY... NO
FAIR!

GOSH!

THERE! NOW...
POUR GAS!



Meanwhile...

I GOT THE WHOLE THING
TIMED TO THE SECOND!
AT SIX O'CLOCK SHARP,
J.J. DITSON CALLS FOR
THE DAY'S TAKE AT HIS
LAST STATION! BY THAT
TIME, HE'S ALREADY
PICKED UP THE MONEY
FROM ALL HIS
OTHER GAS
STATIONS!

I
FOLLOW
YER
PERFECT,
AL!



THIS LAST GAS
STATION IS THE
ONE ACROSS FROM
UNCLE DUDLEY'S!
IT'S A QUIET PART
OF TOWN! NOT
MUCH CHANCE
OF COPS BEIN'
AROUND!

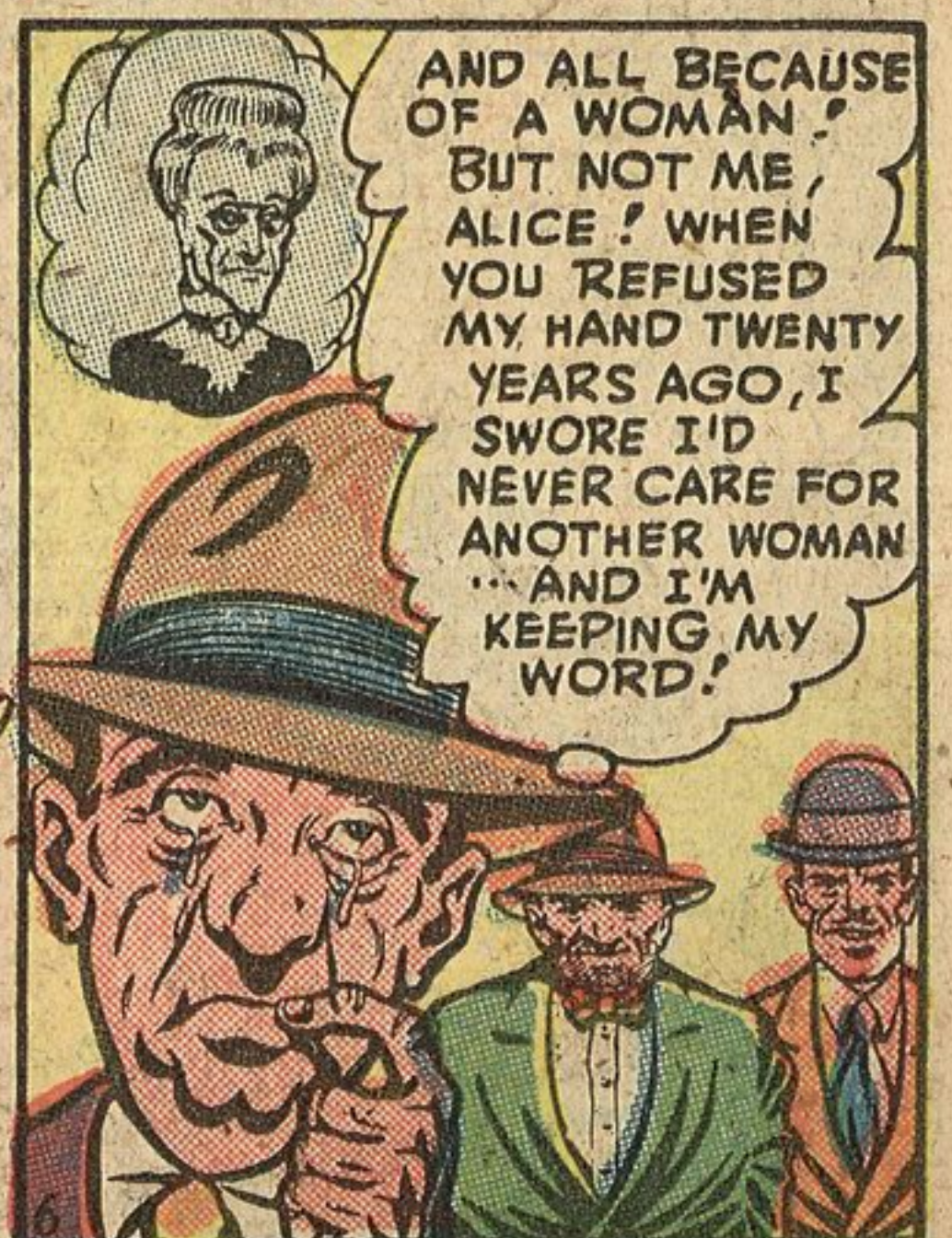
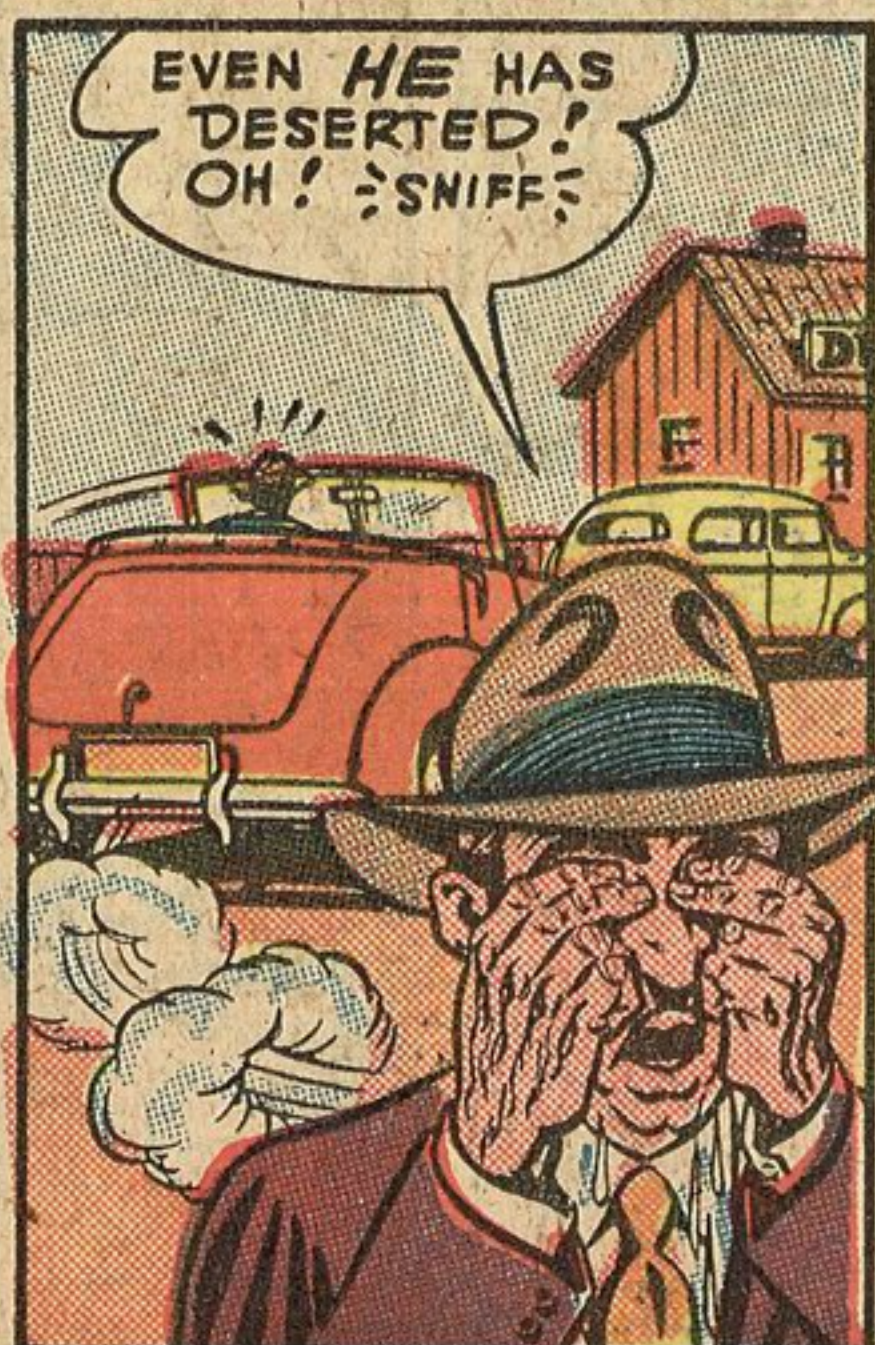
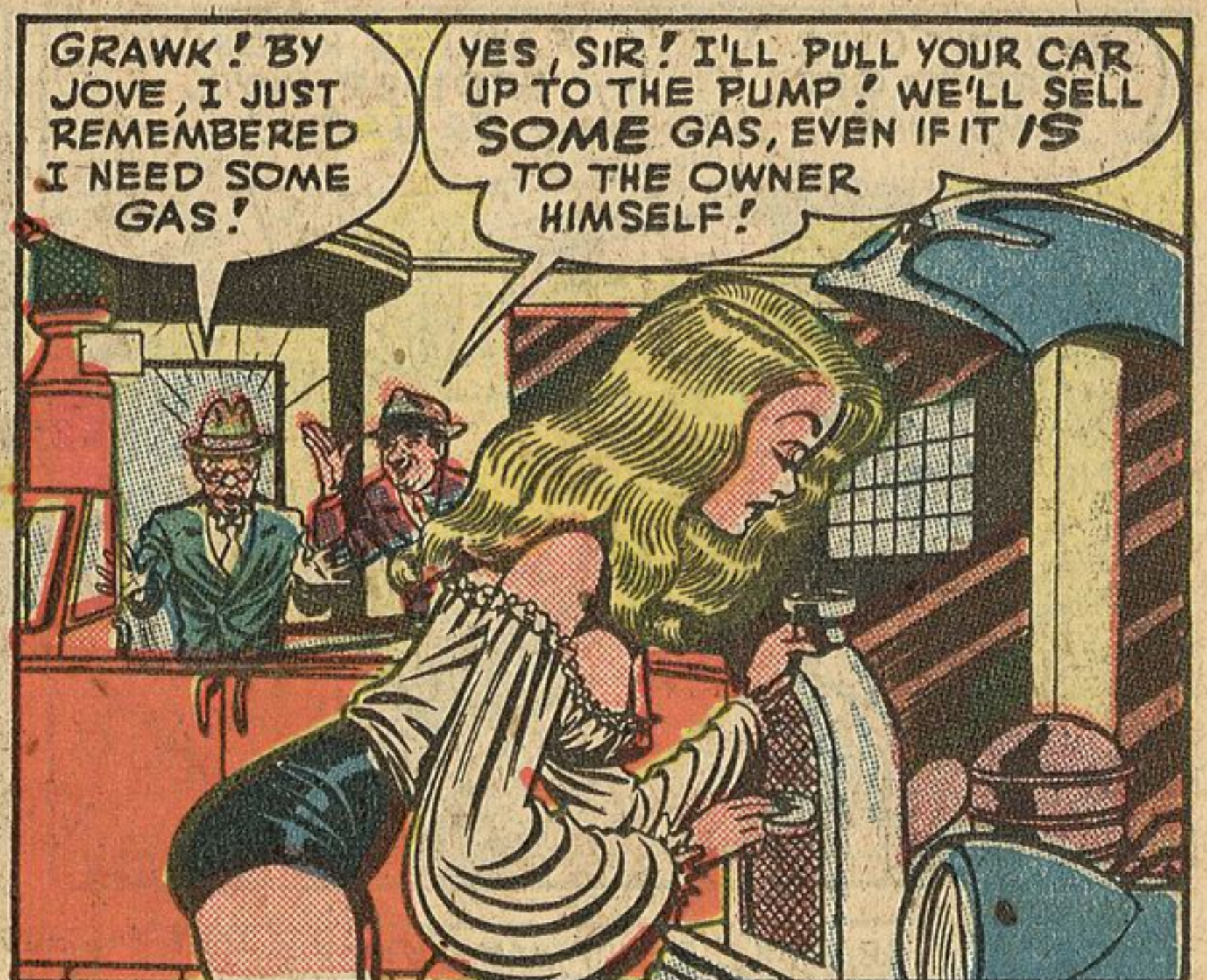
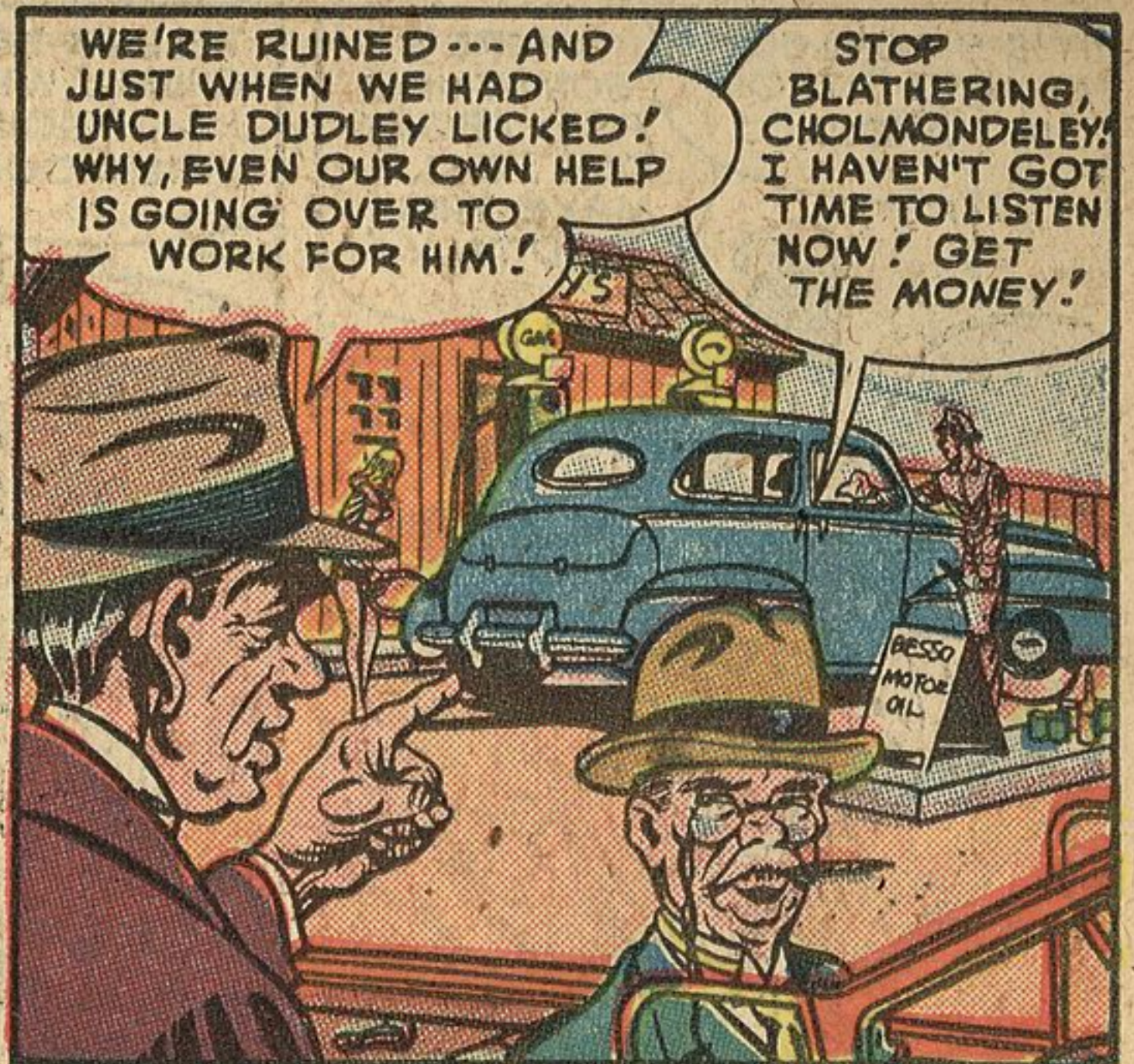
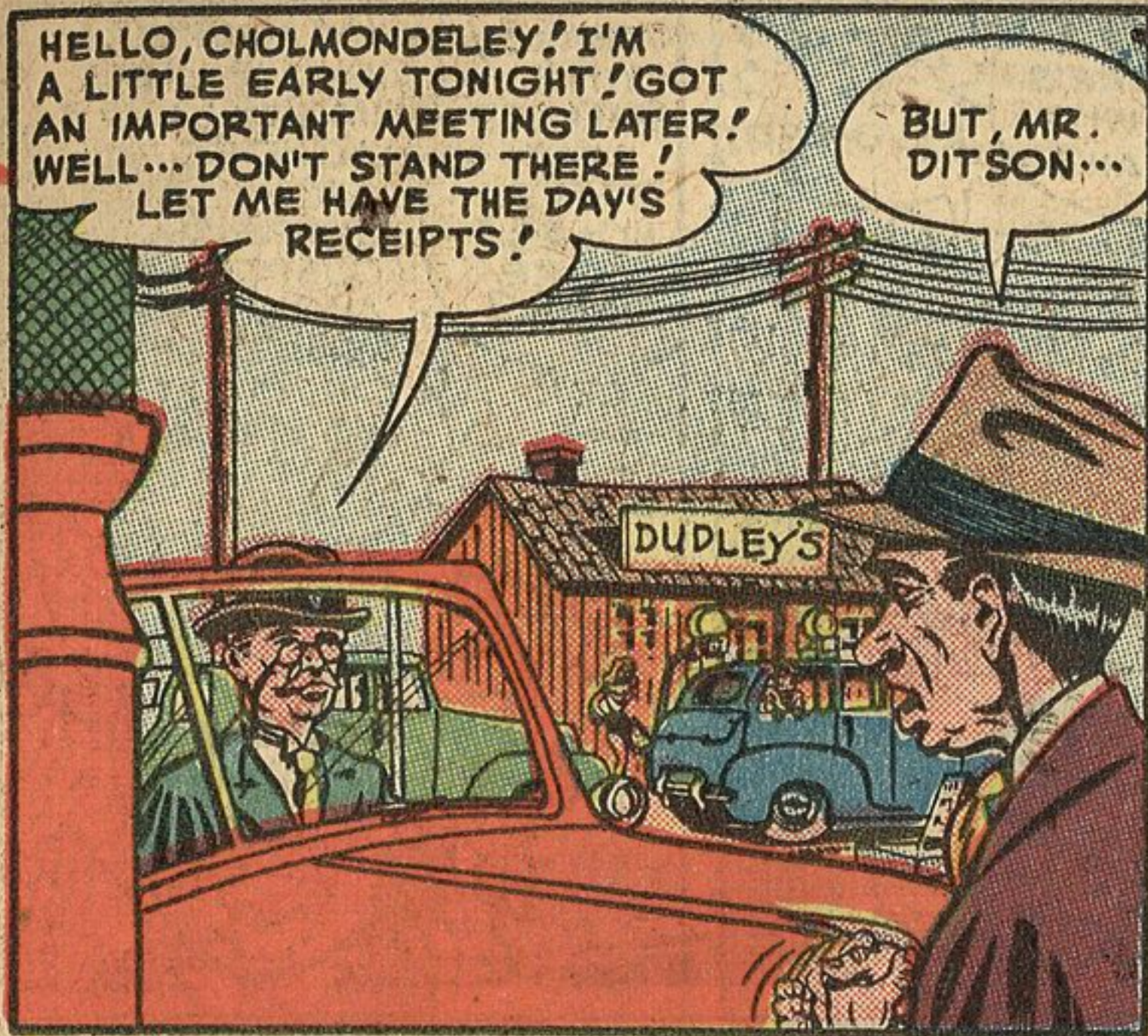
SO WE
WAIT
UNTIL
J.J.
PICKS
UP THE
DOUGH
AND THEN
STICK HIM
UP!
CHECK!

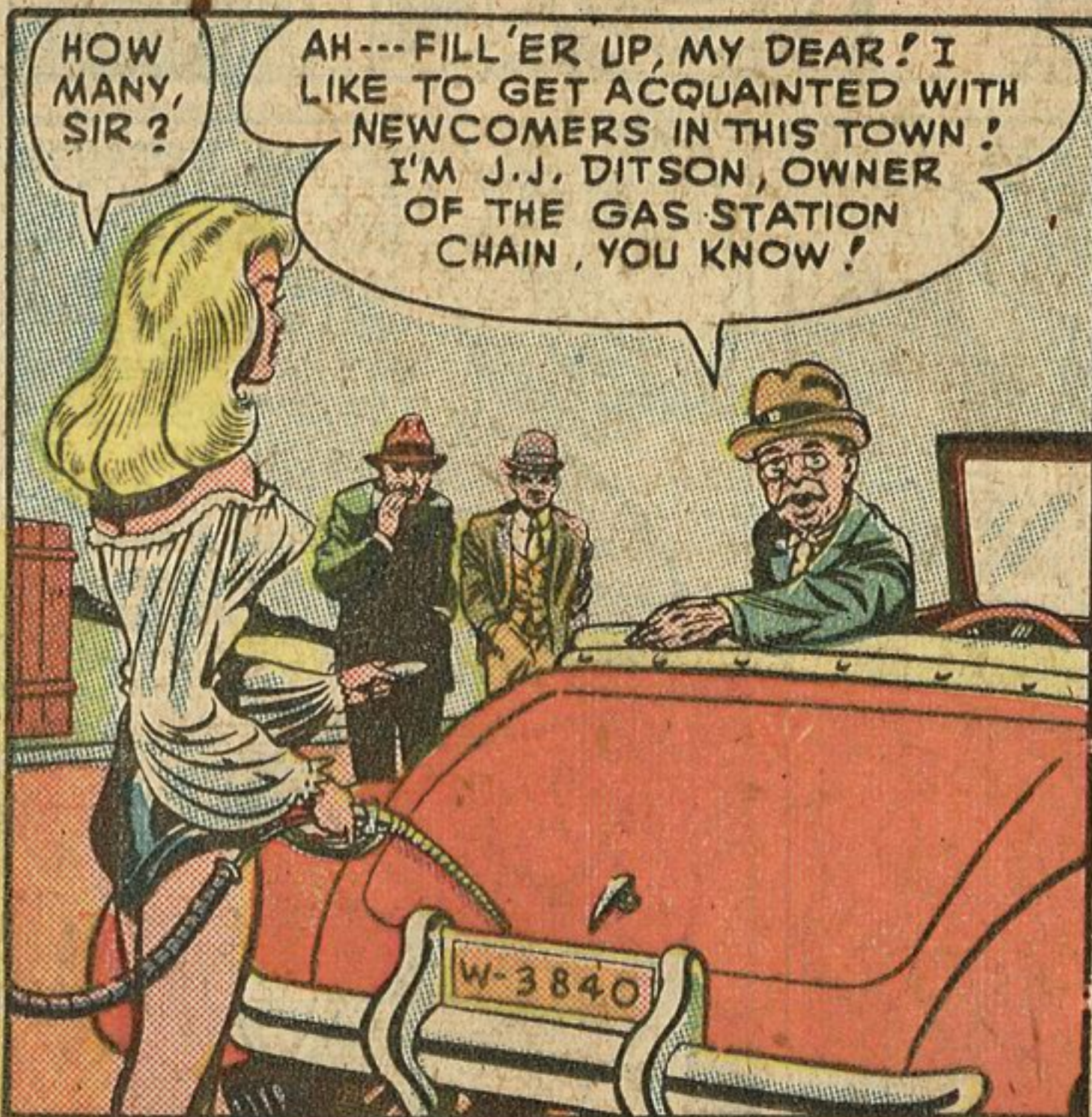
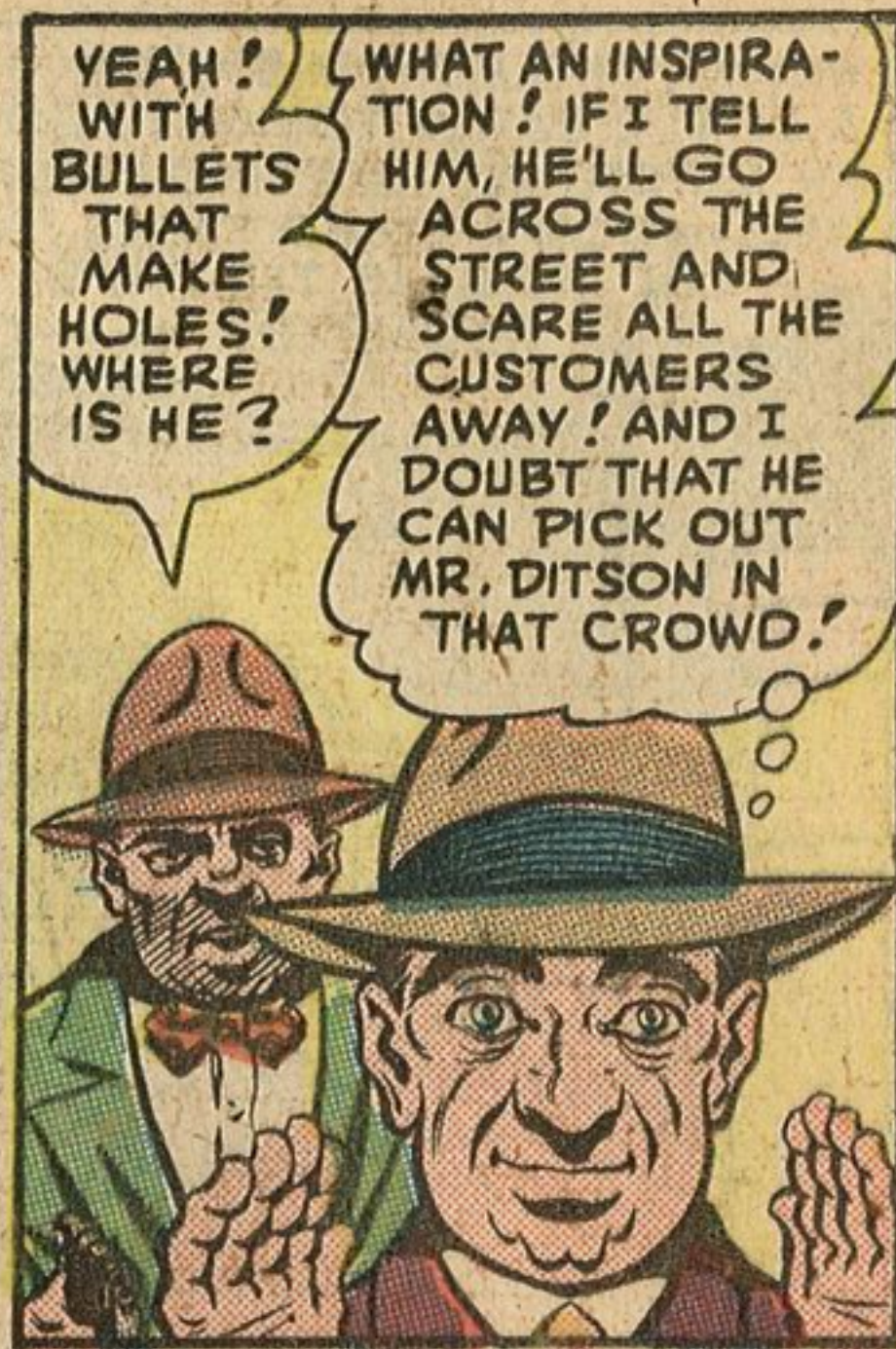
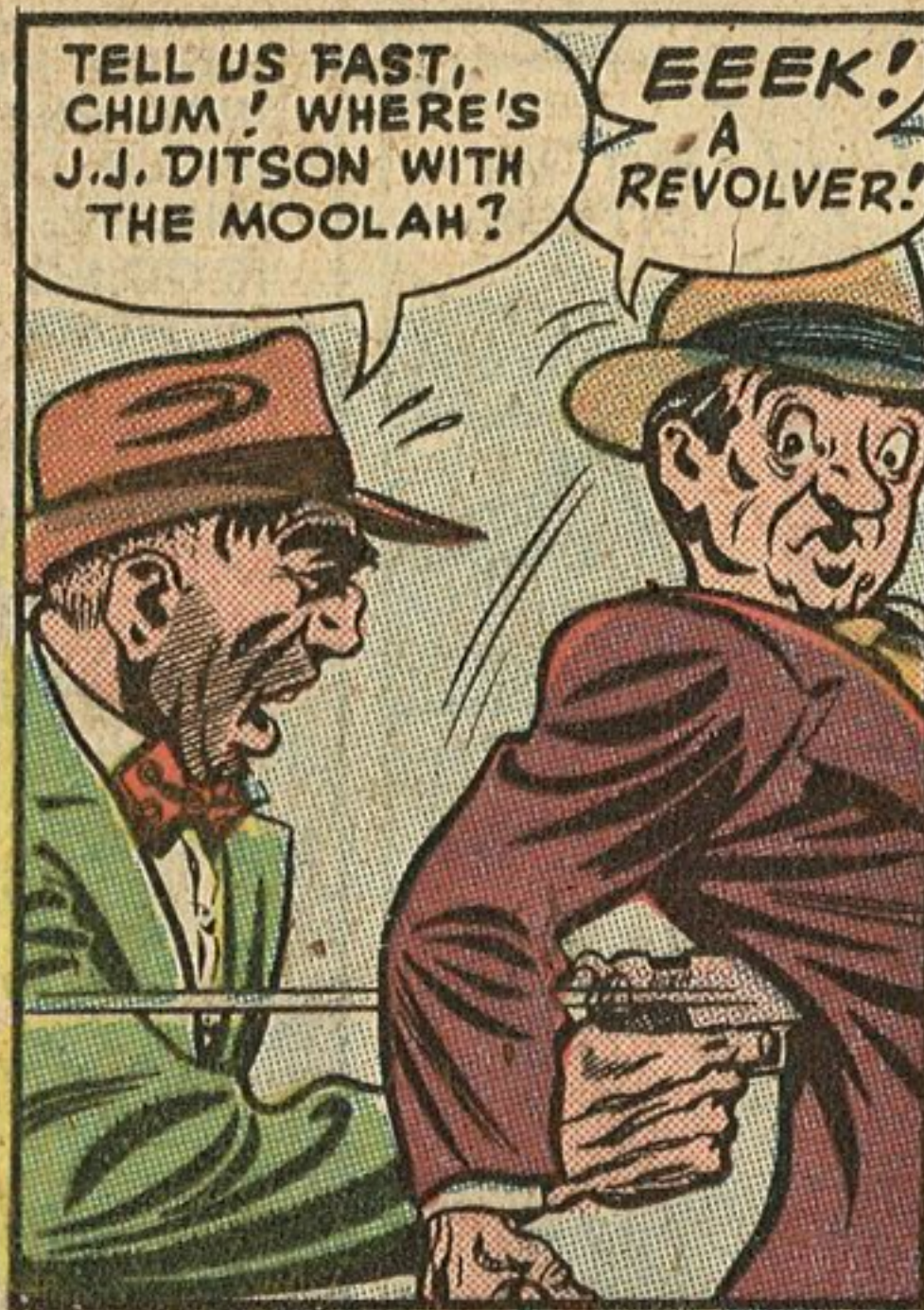


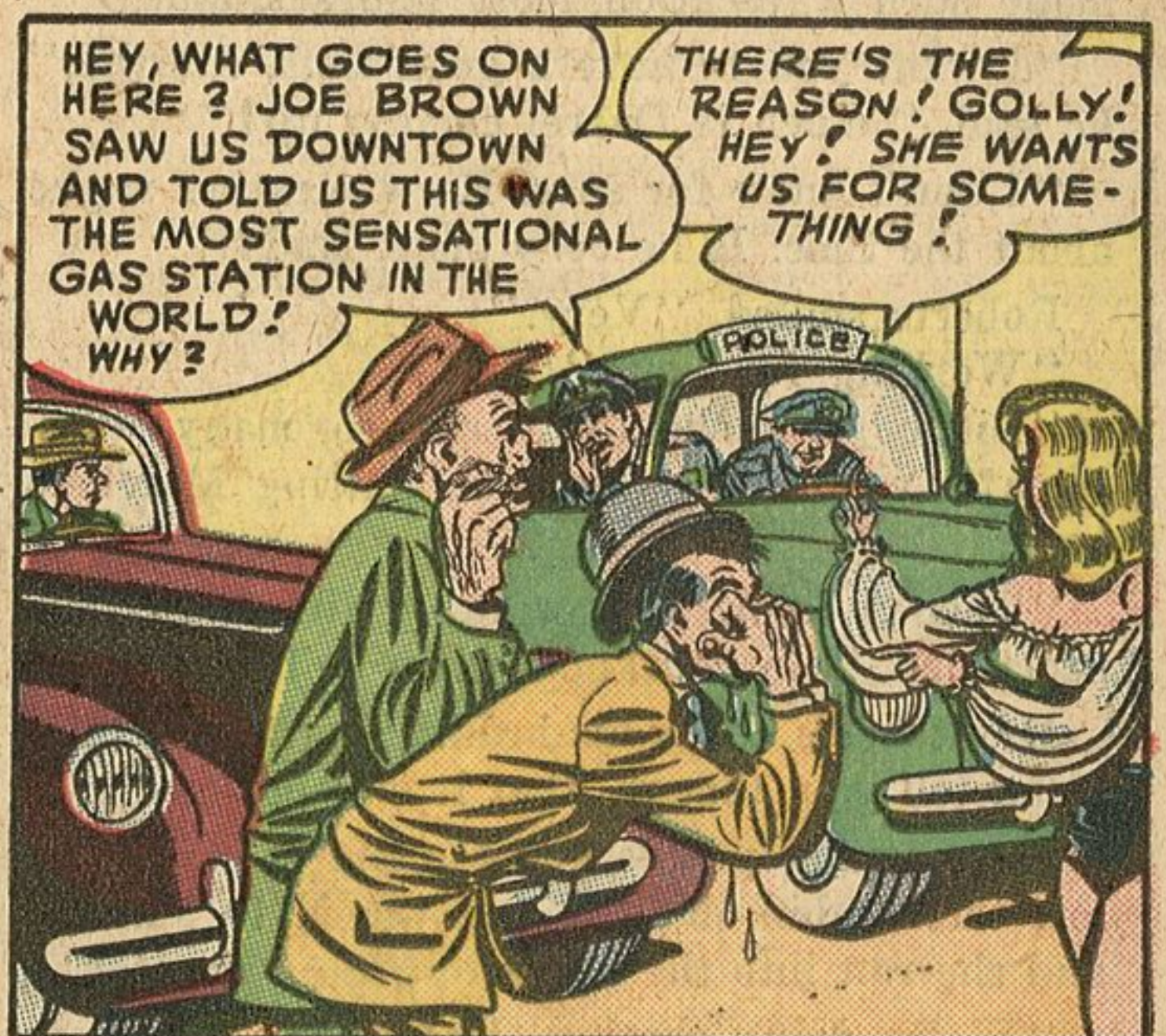
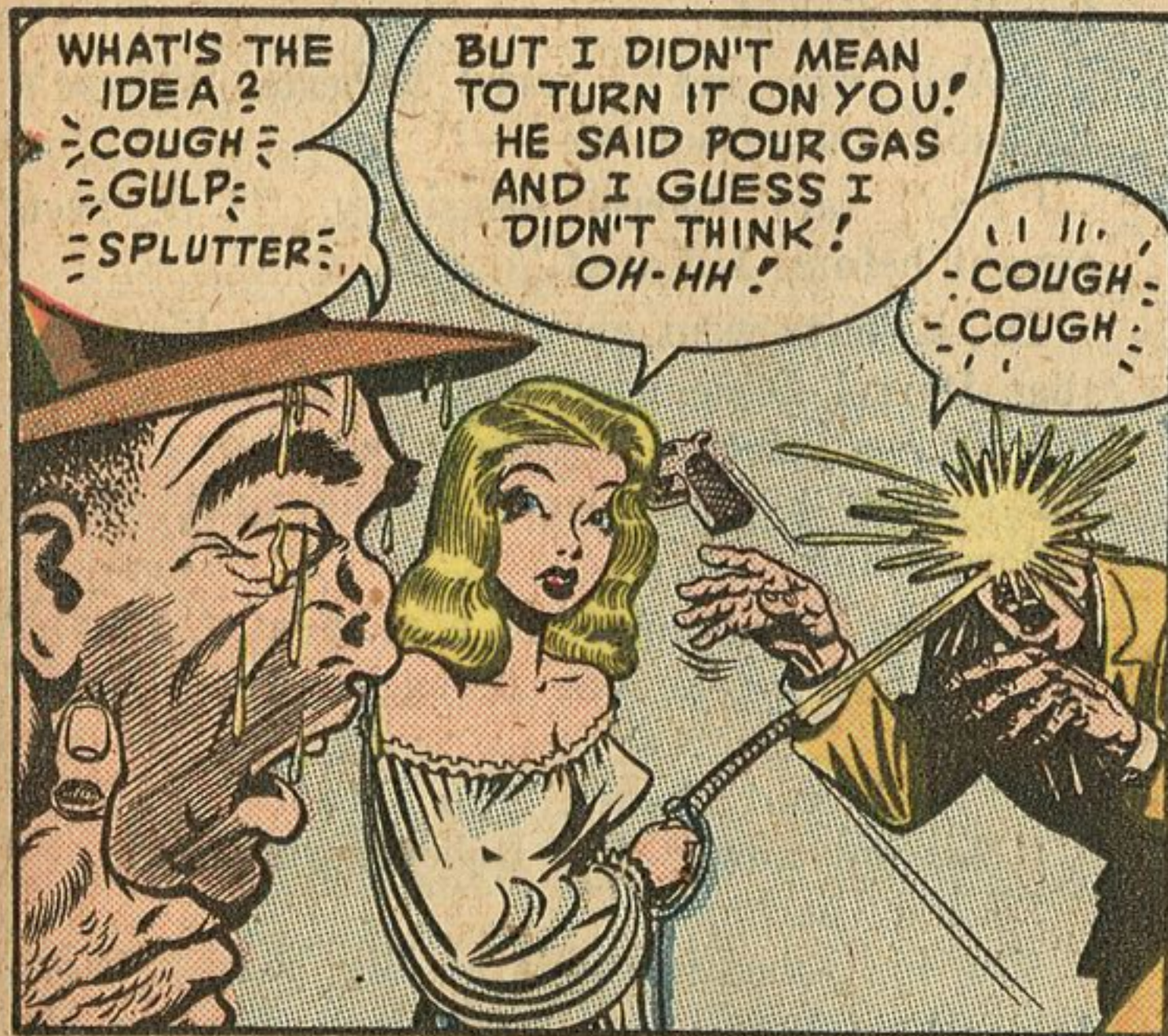
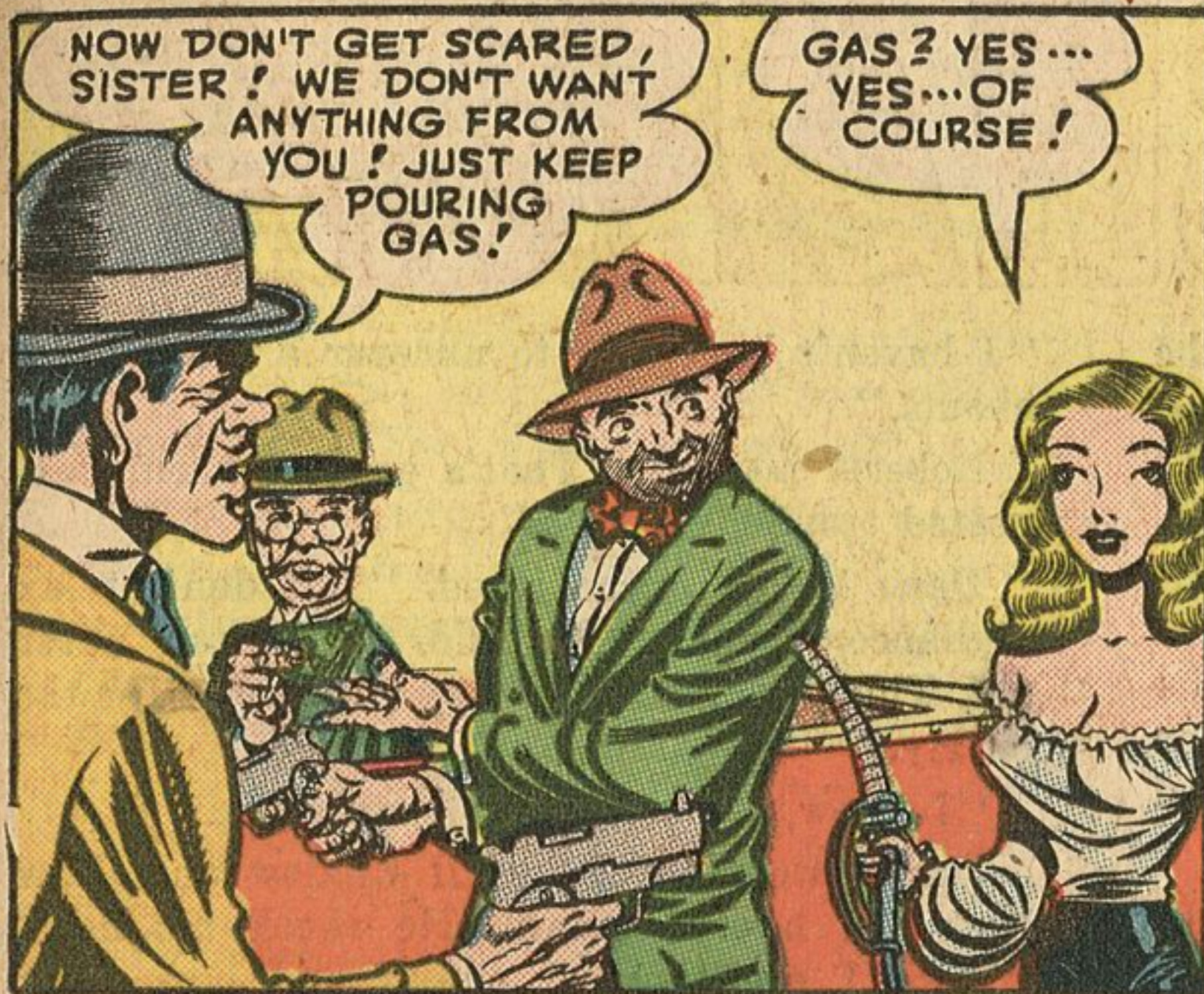
Just before six o'clock...

TEN MINUTES TO SIX! WE
CAN'T GET THERE TOO
SOON! IF WE DO, SOME-
BODY MAY SEE US
HANGIN' AROUND AND
BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY
US LATER!

YOU'RE
SMART,
AL!







BIG BEAR Interlude

BIG BEAR! Martha Roberts gazed upon the mountain peak with something akin to awe. It was so beautiful, cloaked in solid white, with a half dozen snow-capped peaks rising above it. San Gorgonio, the Three Sisters, Old Grizzley, Mt. Sam.

"Oh, we'll have a wonderful time!" Martha exclaimed to her father, Dr. Roberts. They stood in front of the little cabin they had rented for a couple of weeks.

Dr. Roberts smiled. He liked to indulge his beautiful daughter, even when press of work made such a vacation most impracticable.

"I want you to have a good time, Martha," he said. "When is Darrel coming up?"

"I don't know for sure. He was rather vague about the time. Is he *very* busy, Dad?"

Roberts smiled. "Very."

"Working for you?"

"Little girls shouldn't ask so many questions?" replied Dr. Roberts, patting Martha's head.

"Then I know he's working for you!" she exclaimed. "Do *you* know when he'll be here?"

Dr. Roberts shook his head. "Not for certain. I can tell you, though, that it will be soon."

Some young people going along the path below their cabin shouted and waved to Martha, and she ran into the house to grab a sweater.

"We're going skating, Dad!" she called, as she trudged down the slope.

Dr. Roberts had fitted up the tiny spare room of the cabin as a makeshift laboratory. At no time did it seem possible for him completely to ignore his work. It was important work—this time experimentation on the cosmic ray.

He went into the little room and shut the door. He could hear the shouts of the young people at their winter sports. He sighed. It was great to be young!

A soft tapping came at the door. "Yes?" called Roberts. The tapping was repeated—a series of dots and dashes that beat out D-A-N-E.

Dr. Roberts opened the door and Darrel Dane stepped inside, hurriedly closing the door again.

"Well?" said the doctor.

"Seems peaceful enough," replied Darrel.

"I haven't been able to uncover a thing hereabouts."

Roberts nodded. "That's good. I hardly expected trouble up here."

Dane looked unconvinced. "But don't relax vigilance, Doctor," he said. "You can never tell. This apparent calm may be a cover for the enemy."

"I know, Darrel, and I shan't relax."

Darrel went to the small window and drew back the heavy curtain. He shook his head. "Wish I could reveal myself and have some fun," he sighed.

"Well, why not?" asked Roberts. "There's probably no reason to——"

"No," said Darrel decisively. "I've been caught before. I'll wait."

Dr. Roberts went on with his work. He knew that Darrel Dane meant just that. He always felt perfectly secure whenever Darrel was on the job—which he was, most of the time. Great fellow, Dane.

Roberts looked up after a moment. "Martha insists that I take one toboggan glide," said he.

"Fine," said Darrel. "Go ahead."

"No, not now," Dr. Roberts answered.

"Later, perhaps."

The big toboggan slide at Big Bear is more than three miles long, and steep. During the last half mile, the toboggan builds up a speed of nearly ninety miles an hour, hits a sharp curve and glides home.

There were eleven waiting for the car when Dr. Roberts walked up to the slide. He greeted Martha. Hastily.

"Would you mind much, honey, if you missed this one?" he asked.

"Why, Dad?"

"It's very important that someone stay by the radio," said Roberts. "Remember, you wanted me to take this glide."

Martha pouted. "But I wanted to go along," she said. "Oh, all right. But you have to ride once with me, too!" she said spiritedly as she started off to the cabin.

As she walked, she thought vaguely that there had been something strange about her father.

DOLL MAN QUARTERLY

Just what it was, she didn't know. Maybe he was deep in his mental gymnastics, she reasoned. His voice, too! But then he was so bhnlded up in clothes that she couldn't even see his face, let alone hear him distinctly through the muffler!

"Come on!" shouted the gang crowding into the car "The other toboggan has gone five minutes ago. They'll be 'way ahead!"

That was exactly what Dr. Roberts wanted to know. The other car had already gone. He piled into the car and settled down among the furs. The car began moving. It went slowly at first, then picked up speed gradually until it was gliding at thirty or more miles an hour. The crowd yelled and cheered. The air was exhilarating.

The narrow trough in which the car ran was a glassy glare of ice. There was no guiding the car, no slowing it down. Once in that mahogany contraption, you had to wait until it stopped itself.

Dr. Roberts strained his eyes ahead. They had only turned the first corner, and the car was traveling upward of seventy miles an hour. The wind whistled shrilly and the cold was like a frozen hand against the face.

The tall conifers flashed past, making a solid green blur. The young people yelled and screamed.

"Two more curves," said Roberts to himself. "Then——"

A fine sleet shot back past the front of the car that made seeing difficult. It was like buckshot in the face.

They were picking up speed now, roaring up grades and flashing down into deep drops. The blood sang in one's veins.

Then at last they were approaching the last terrific turn. The car was traveling at its top of ninety now. A silence held everyone in the car.

The big moment of the flight had come.

Better handholds were obtained. People snuggled down deeper in their furs.

They hit the beginning of the long turn. The sides of the glide began sloping up—up—until the car was roaring around an almost perpendicular wall.

Dr. Roberts knew that it would be at the end of this turn, if anything was to happen. He braced himself, prepared for a gigantic mental test.

Yes, there ahead. The ice seemed yellowish in color. It could only be spotted if one were ex-

pecting it. The first car had gone safely over this spot several minutes ago.

The front of the car struck the yellowish ice. It seemed gradual at first as it nosed up and began turning turtle. The people screamed and yelled. This wasn't supposed to be in the run. The car left the icy track, turned completely over and shot high into the air.

People were flung out at strange angles, arms and legs flailing.

Nobody saw the tiny mite that shot through the pack of heavier people, made a long graceful arc, and then the white balloon of cloth.

"Dr. Roberts" was not Dr. Roberts at all, but Darrel Dane!—And Darrel Dane, when all eyes were focussed ahead, had quickly become that mighty mite, the Doll Man!

As the car swooped off the oiled tracks into the air, the Doll Man swung at the end of parachute harness and slowly settled into a deep drift.

Only the birds witnessed the tiny man make his parachute landing. He disappeared into the soft snow for a moment, his tiny chute collapsing over him. Then he was climbing up out of the drift.

The Doll Man! In a brief twinkling Darrel Dane, who had been able to impersonate Dr. Roberts by huddling into the doctor's huge fur garments, had become the famed Doll Man. The minute parachute he had carried on his back had not been apparent to anyone in the toboggan. It had served him well.

The drift was light and feathery snow. He noted with alarm that everyone on the toboggan had disappeared. Then he discovered the cause. A red stocking cap showed above a nearby drift, then a boy's head. He was digging out. Others were digging.

That was one thing Darrel Dane had found out before the car left its starting place: the snow drift near the curve was soft, new snow.

No one had been hurt; only shaken up and frightened.

The Doll Man quickly assumed his normal proportions without being noticed and gave a hand at helping some of the girls out of the drift.

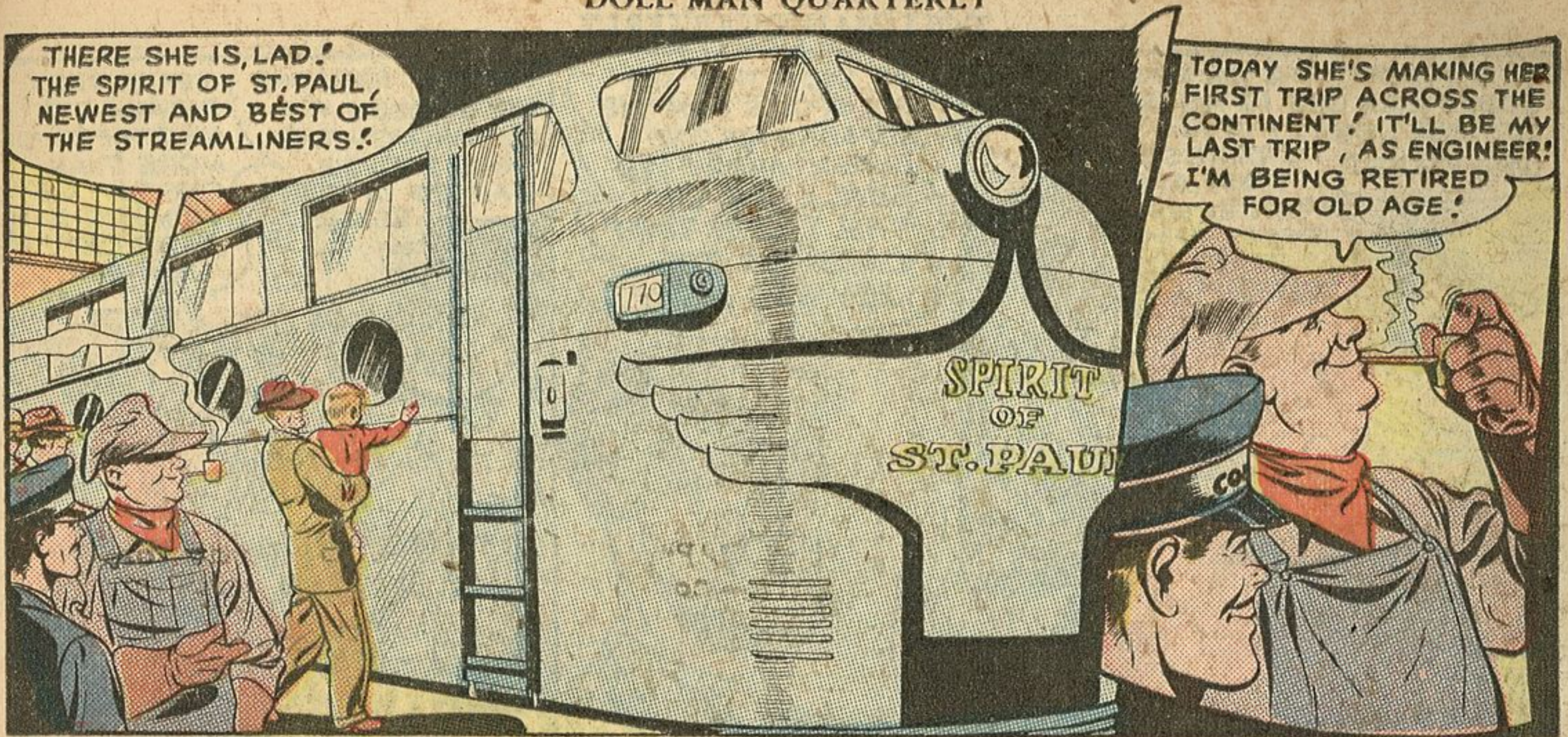
He was happy. He had foiled the enemy's attempt to kill Dr. Roberts. Dr. Roberts was safe in a room at the Big Bear Inn. Not even Martha had suspected.

"Oh, no!" she said archly to Darrel. "I did think there was something funny about Dad, especially when he kept his back to me. But I'm glad it was you, Darrel, instead of him."

THE DOLL MAN

Spanning the mighty breadth of a country are ...the railroads! And who knows what adventures accompany a journey on the fabulous **IRON HORSE**? Across the miles sped **THE DOLL MAN**, on a whizzing streamliner ...only to find himself face to face with that solemn savant of crime, "The **UNDERTAKER**!"





THERE SHE IS, LAD!
THE SPIRIT OF ST. PAUL,
NEWEST AND BEST OF
THE STREAMLINERS!

TODAY SHE'S MAKING HER
FIRST TRIP ACROSS THE
CONTINENT! IT'LL BE MY
LAST TRIP, AS ENGINEER!
I'M BEING RETIRED
FOR OLD AGE!

FOR THIRTY YEARS
I'VE STOOD BEHIND
THE THROTTLE OF
TRAINS! ALWAYS
WANTED TO SET A
SPEED RECORD!
GUESS THIS'LL BE
MY LAST CHANCE!

IT'S MY LAST
TRIP, TOO, POP!
I'M QUITTING AS
A CONDUCTOR!
I'M GOING BACK
TO COLLEGE
WITH THE MONEY
I'VE SAVED...
GOING TO STUDY
TO BE A
DOCTOR!

Although he doesn't know
it, Darrel Dane is also
to be a passenger on the
new streamliner

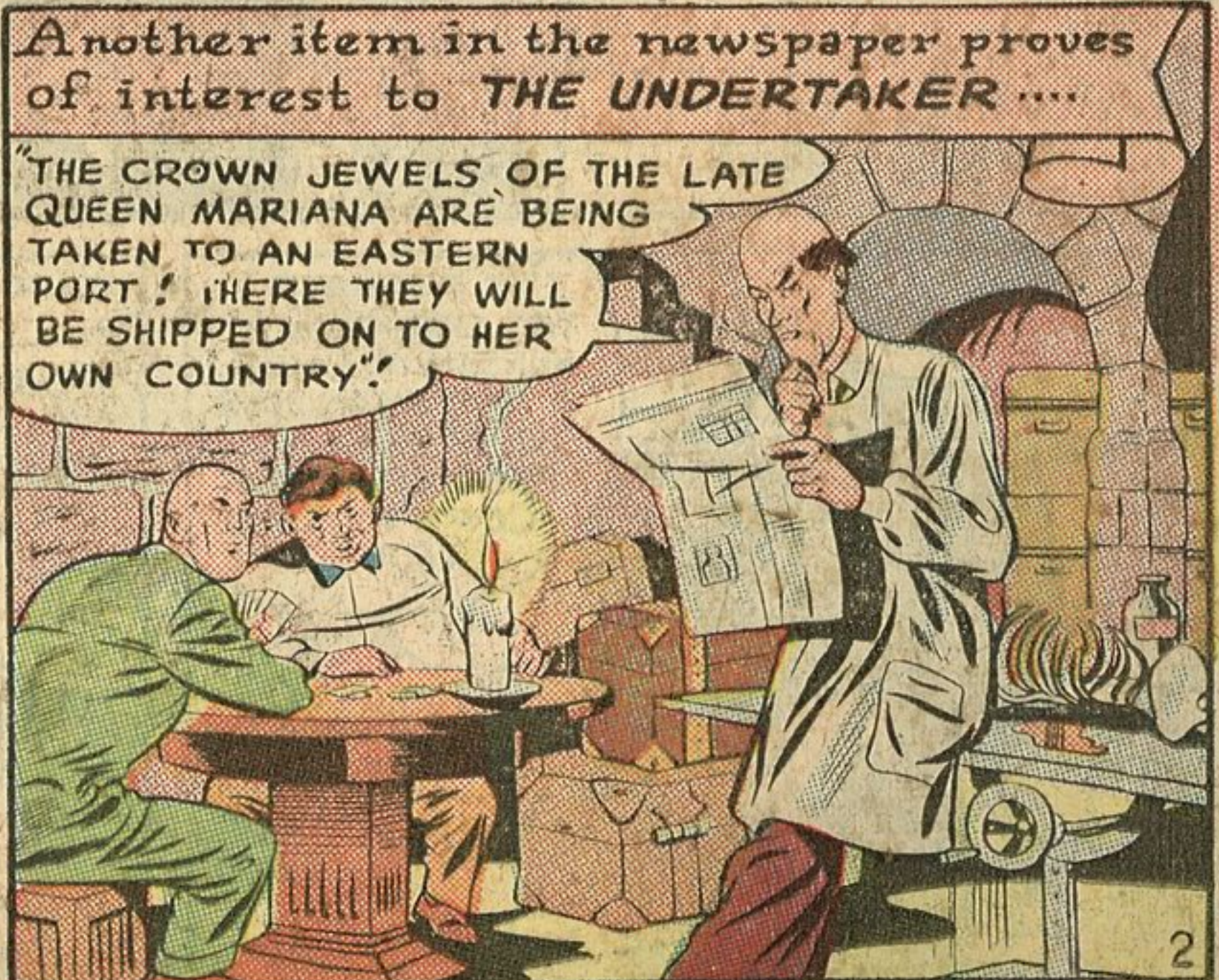
MARTHA ROBERTS,
MY FIANCEE! THE NEWS-
PAPER SAYS SHE'S
ENGAGED TO TONY
MARION, THE PLAY-
BOY! IT CAN'T BE!

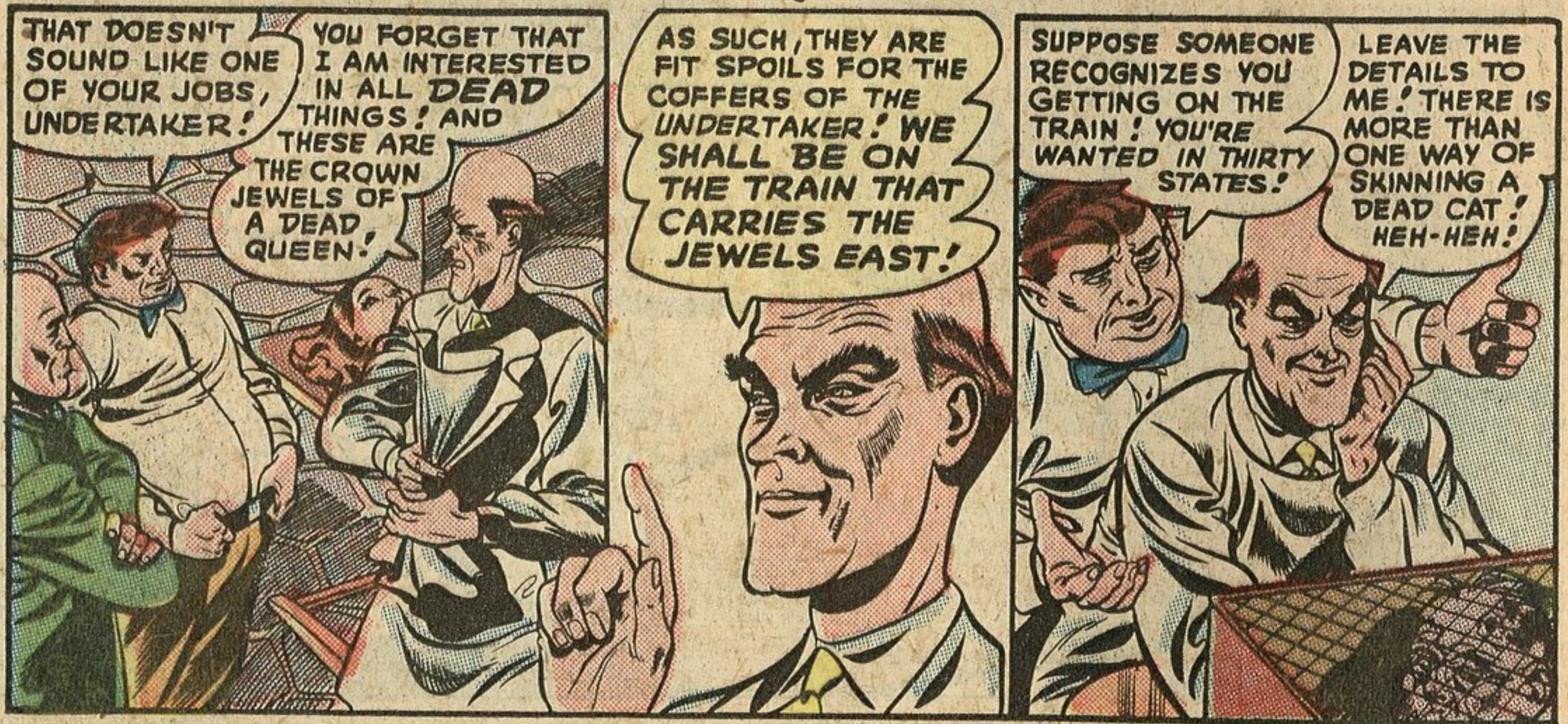


I NEVER SHOULD HAVE
COME AWAY ON THIS
BUSINESS TRIP! I'M
GOING TO CATCH THE
FIRST TRAIN HOME
AND DEMAND AN
EXPLANATION!

Another item in the newspaper proves
of interest to THE UNDERTAKER

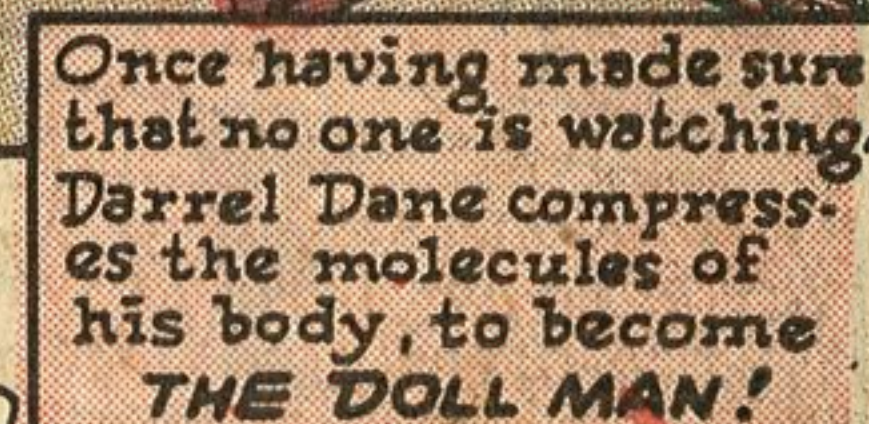
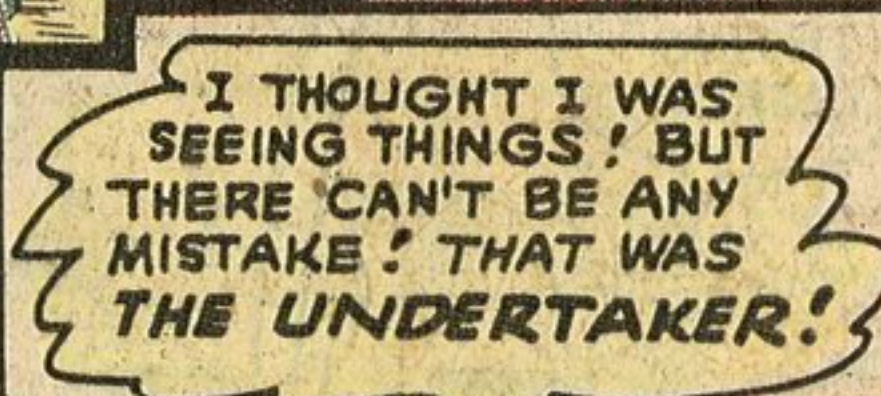
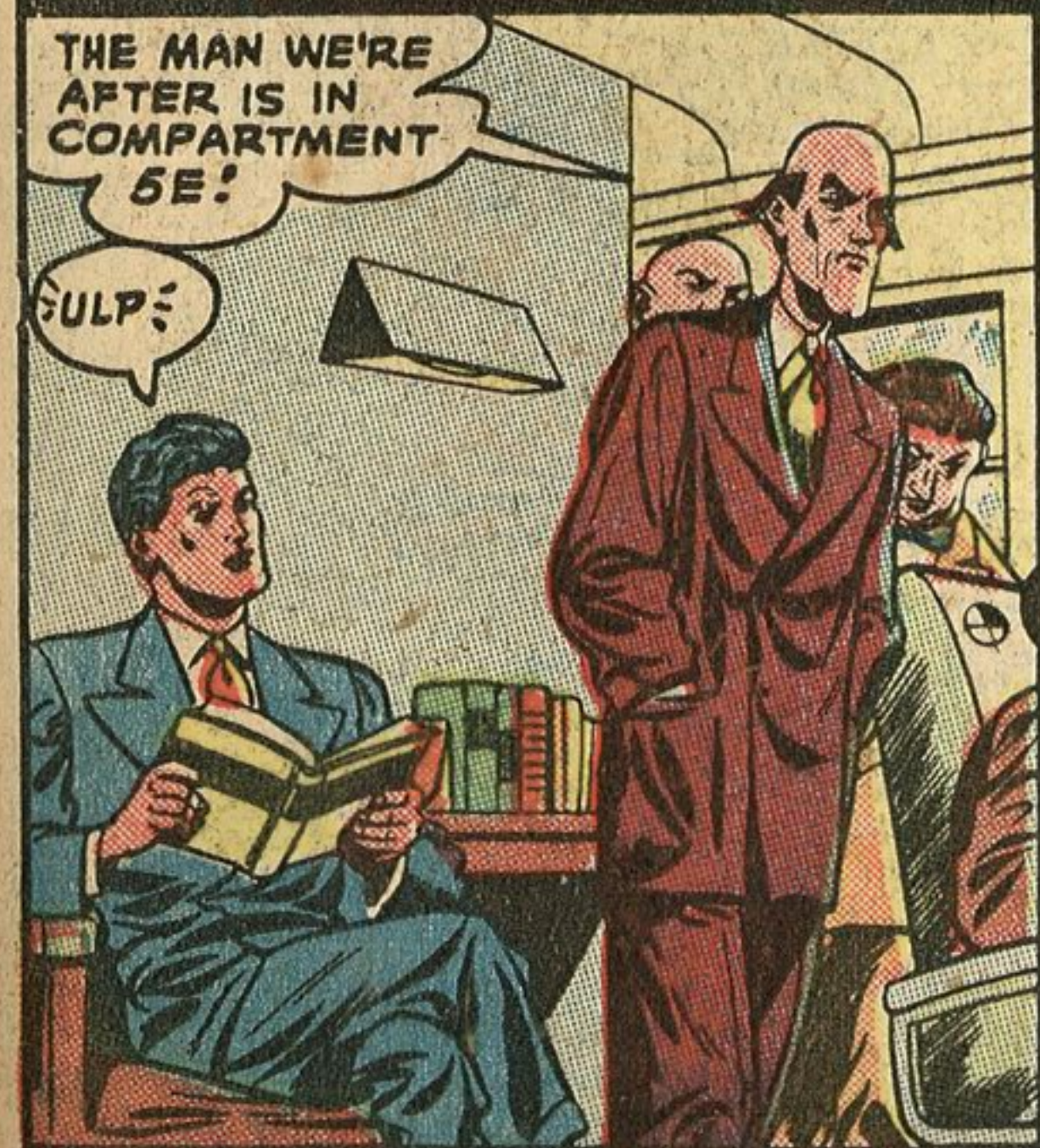
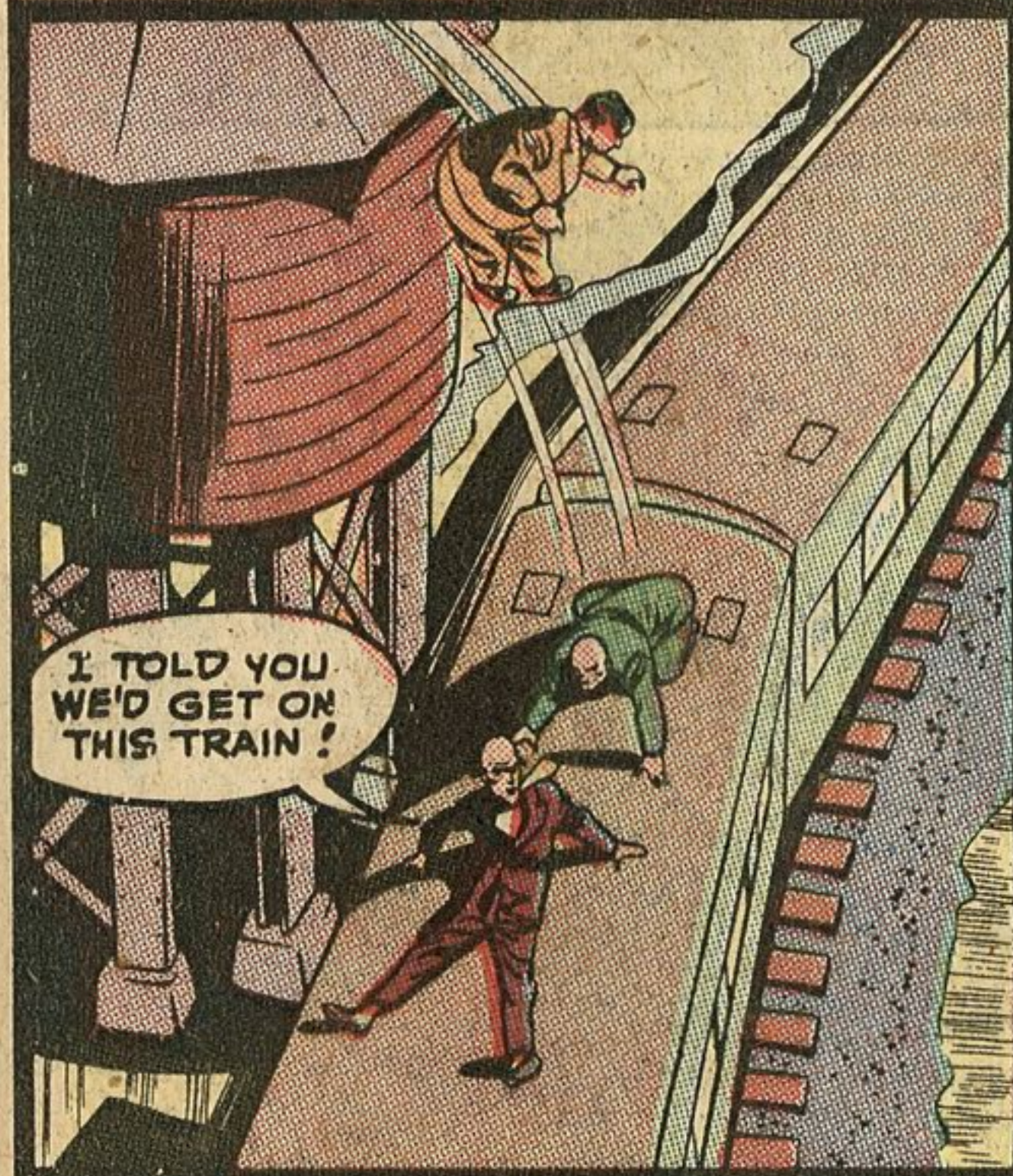
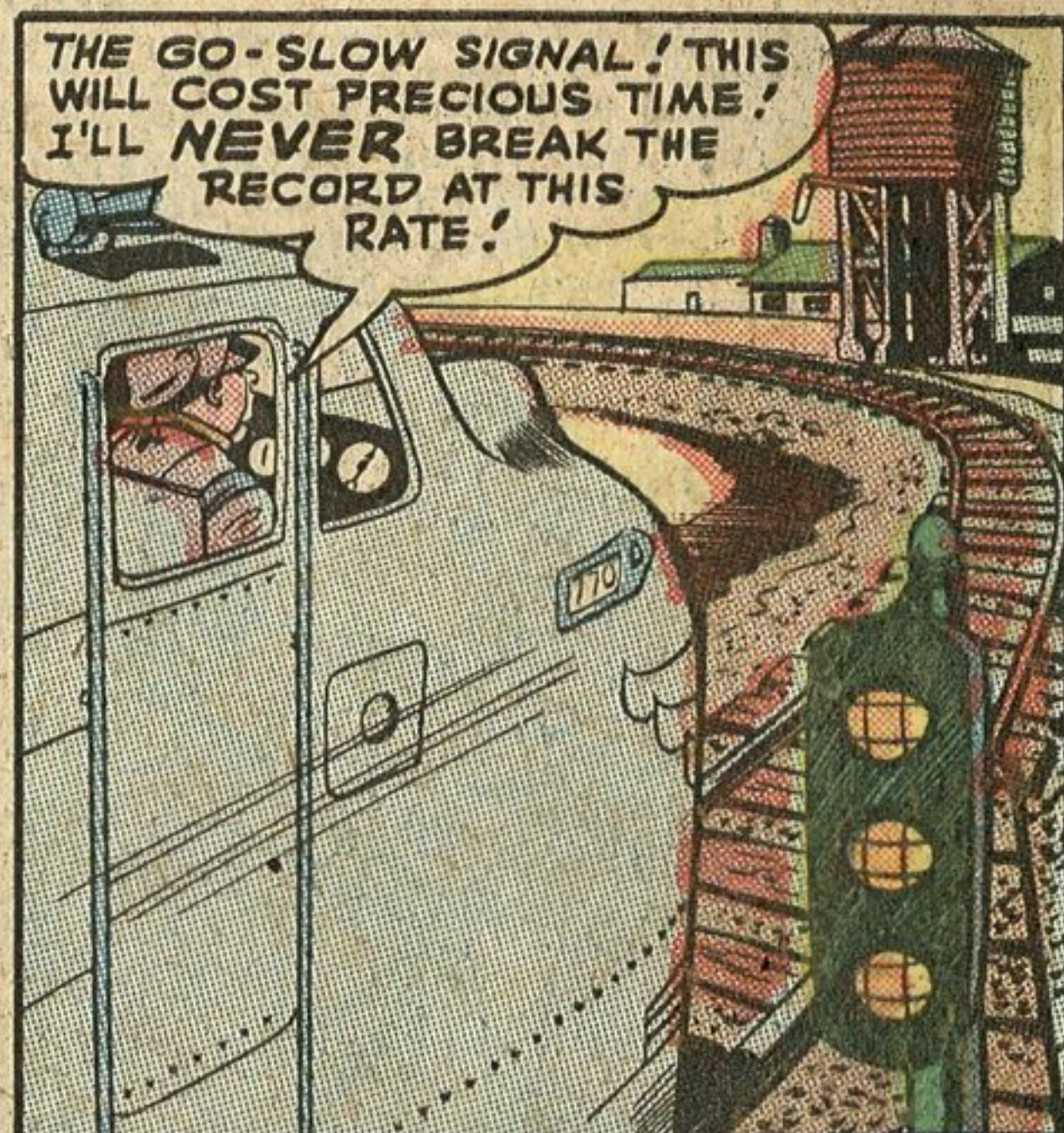
"THE CROWN JEWELS OF THE LATE
QUEEN MARIANA ARE BEING
TAKEN TO AN EASTERN
PORT! THERE THEY WILL
BE SHIPPED ON TO HER
OWN COUNTRY!"

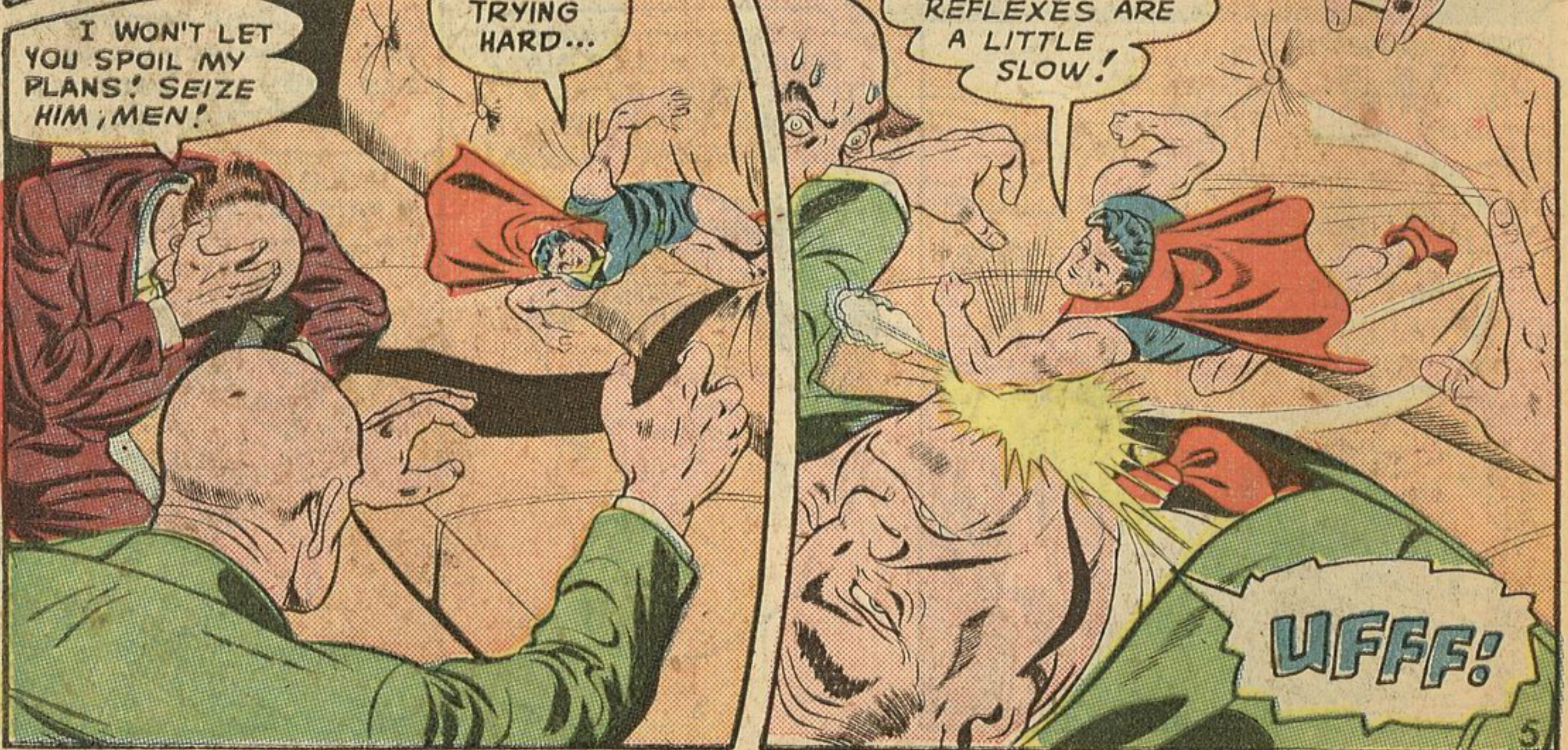
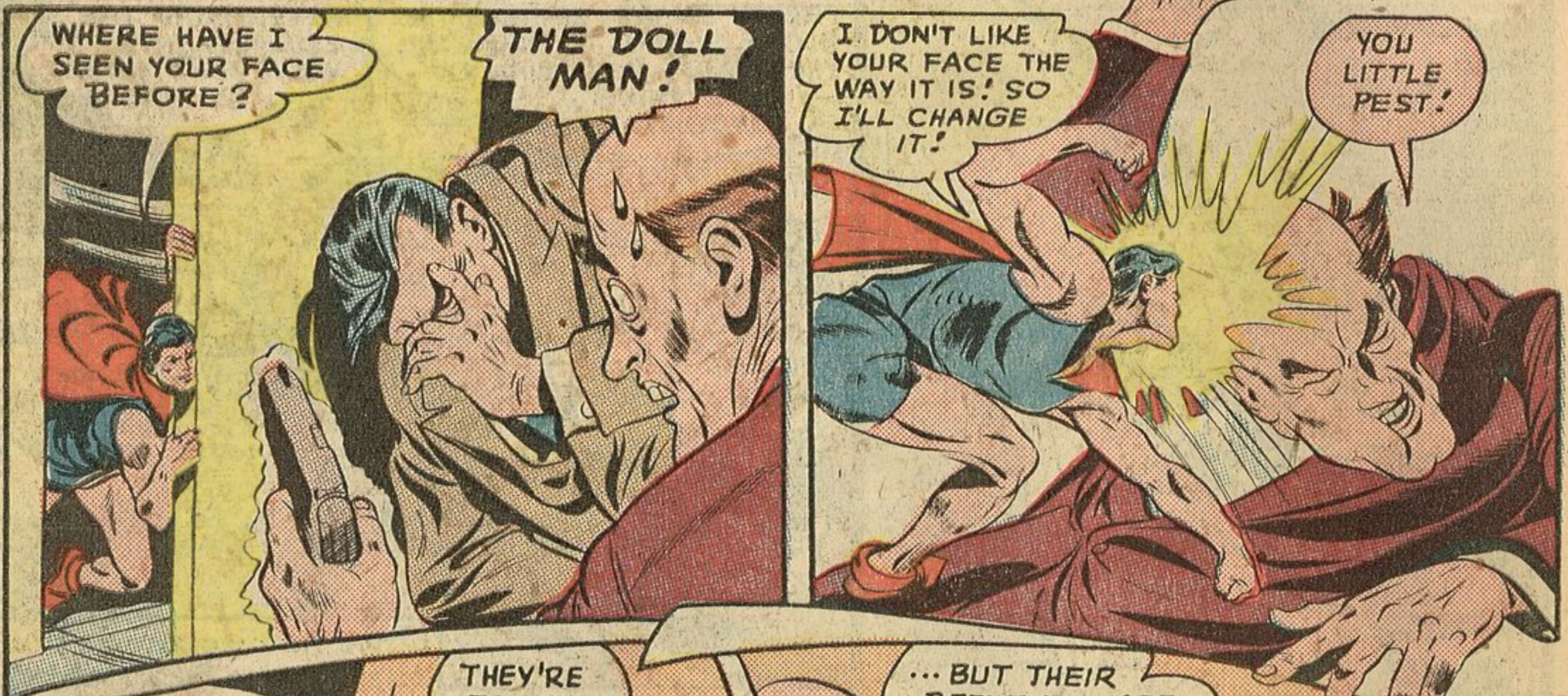
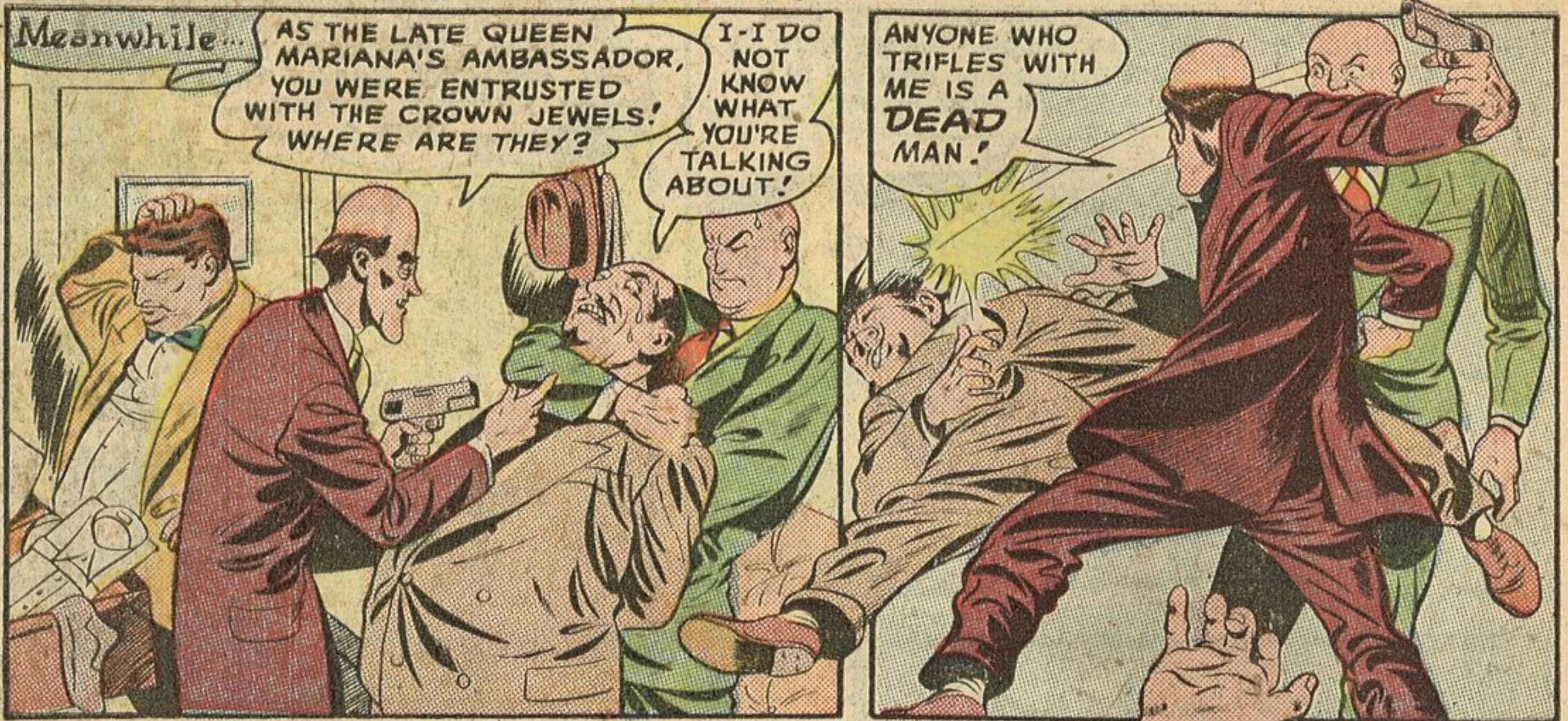


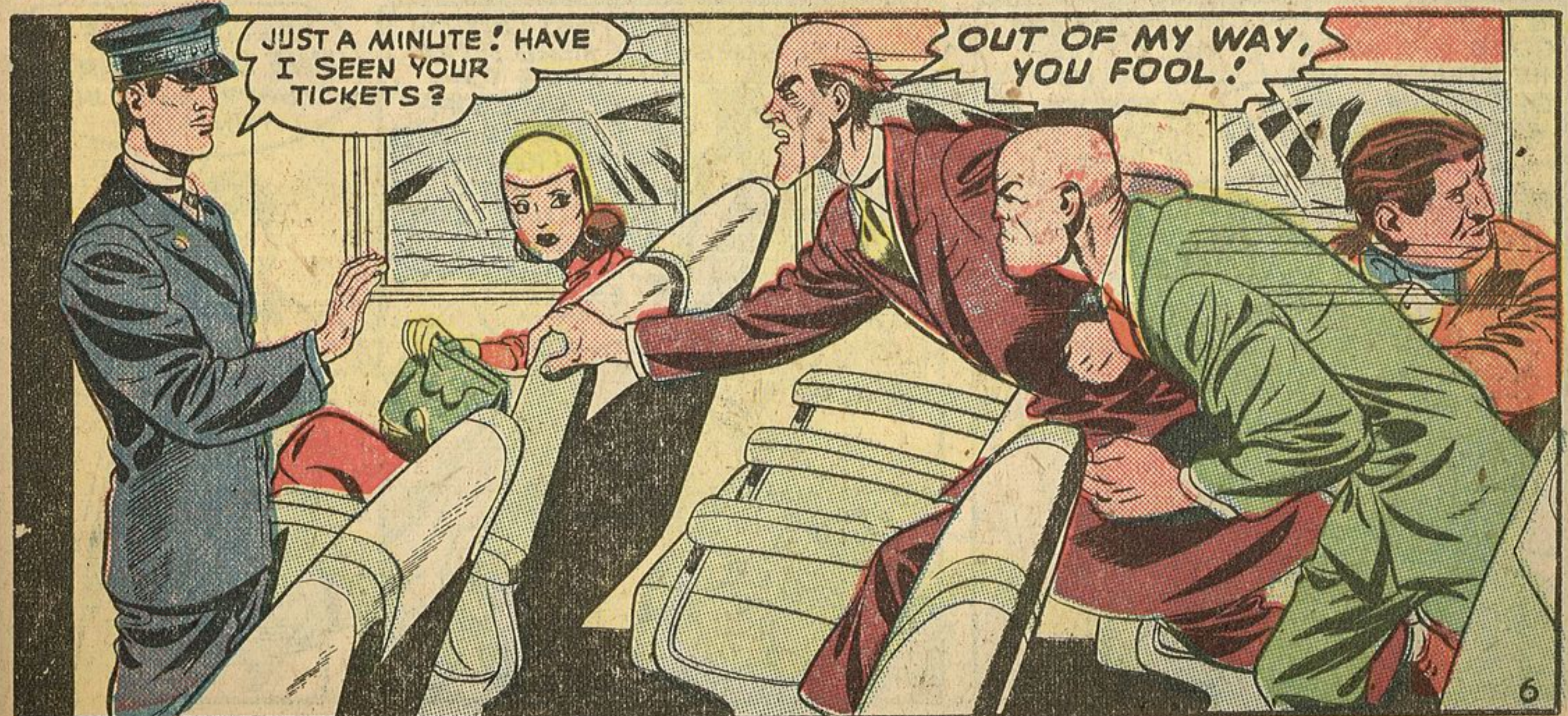
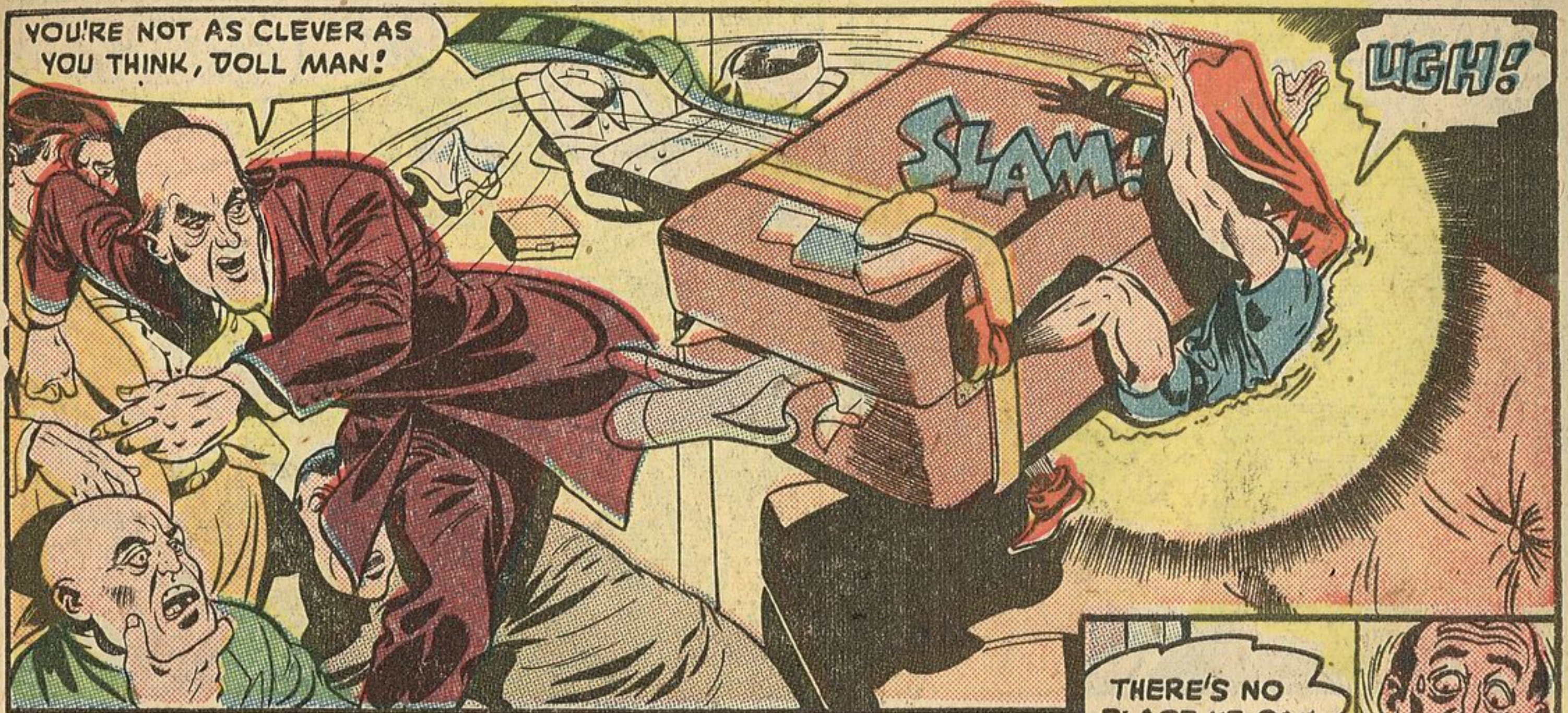


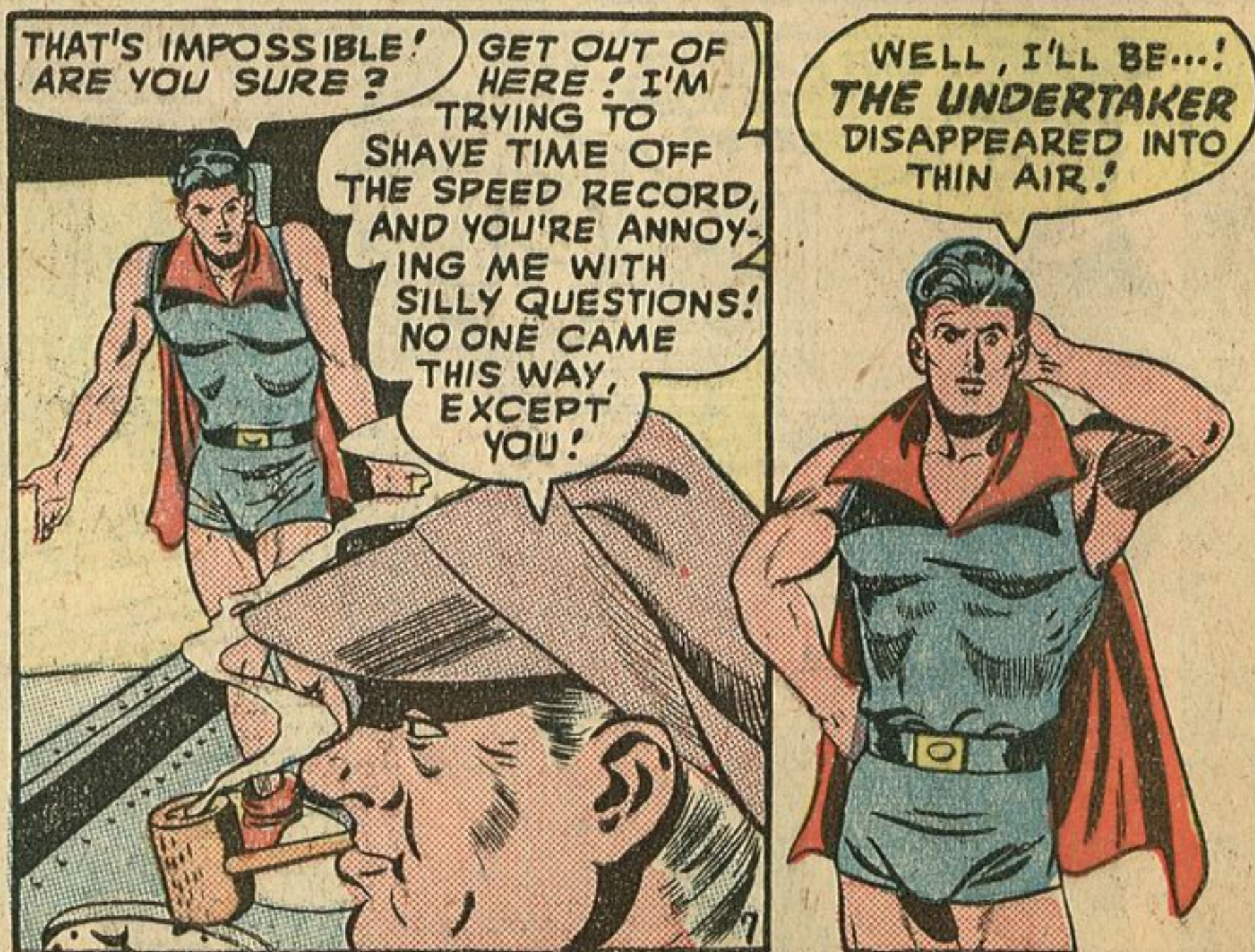
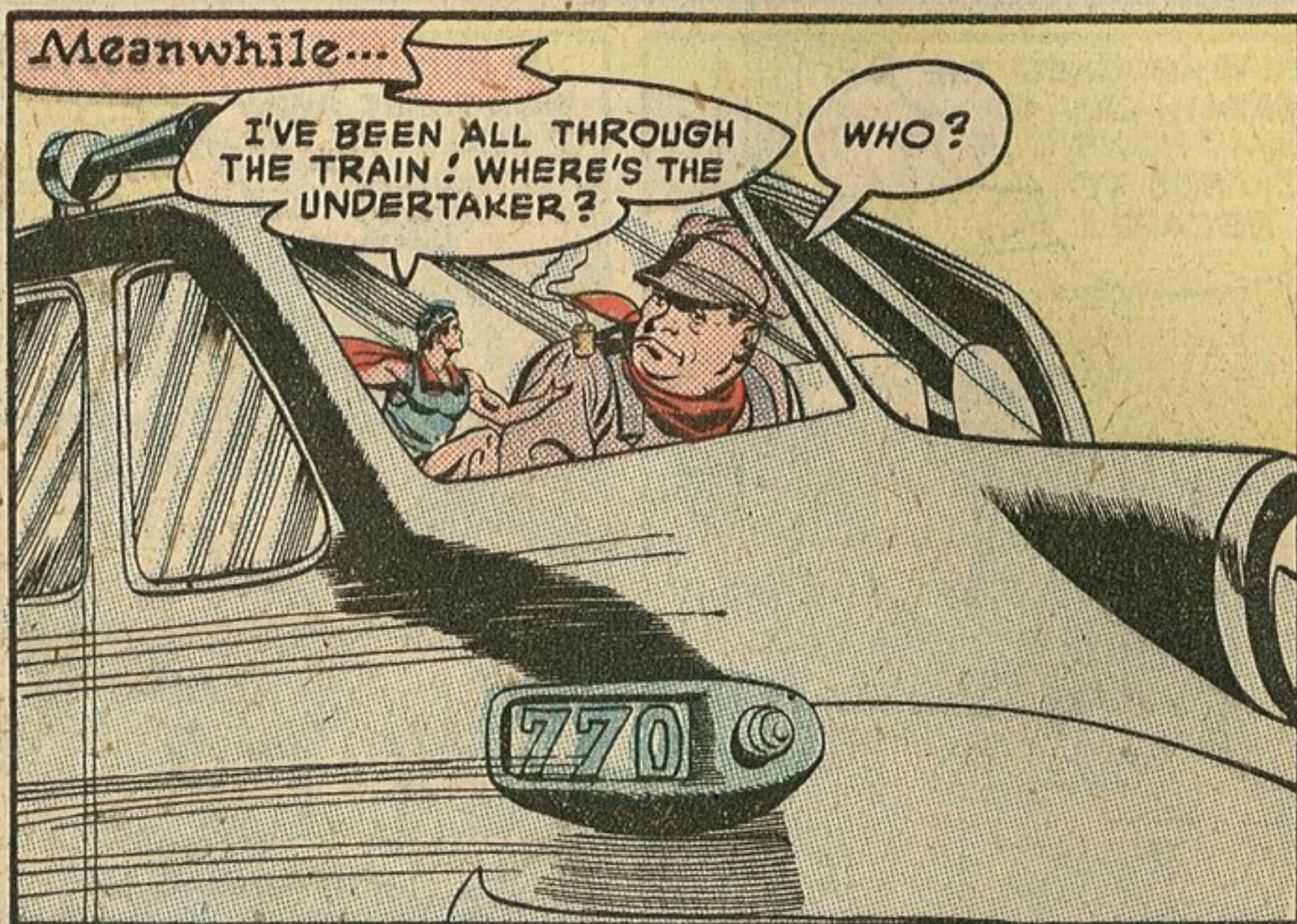
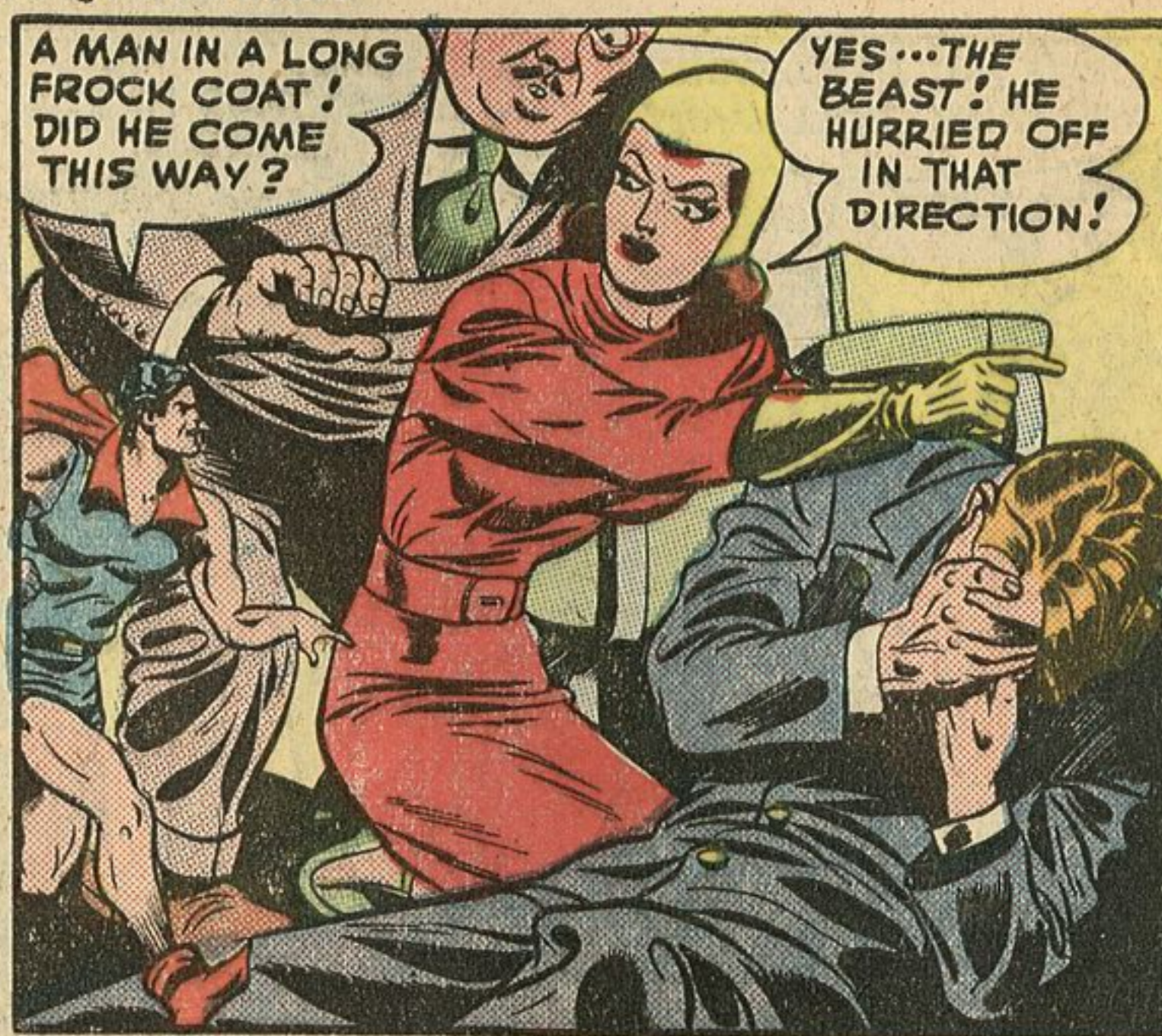
Many lives...many destinies join for a brief while on a hurtling thunderbolt of steel...



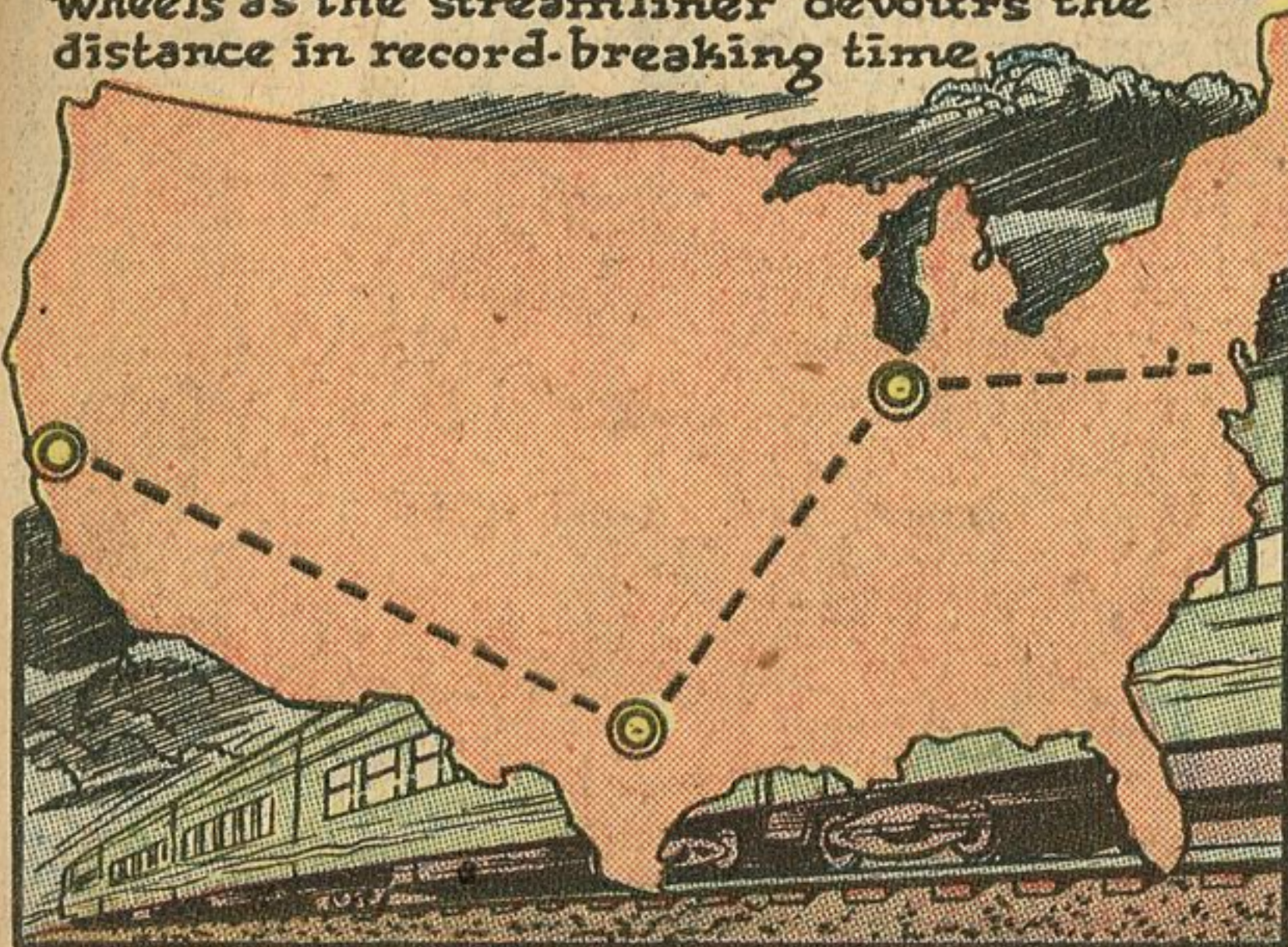








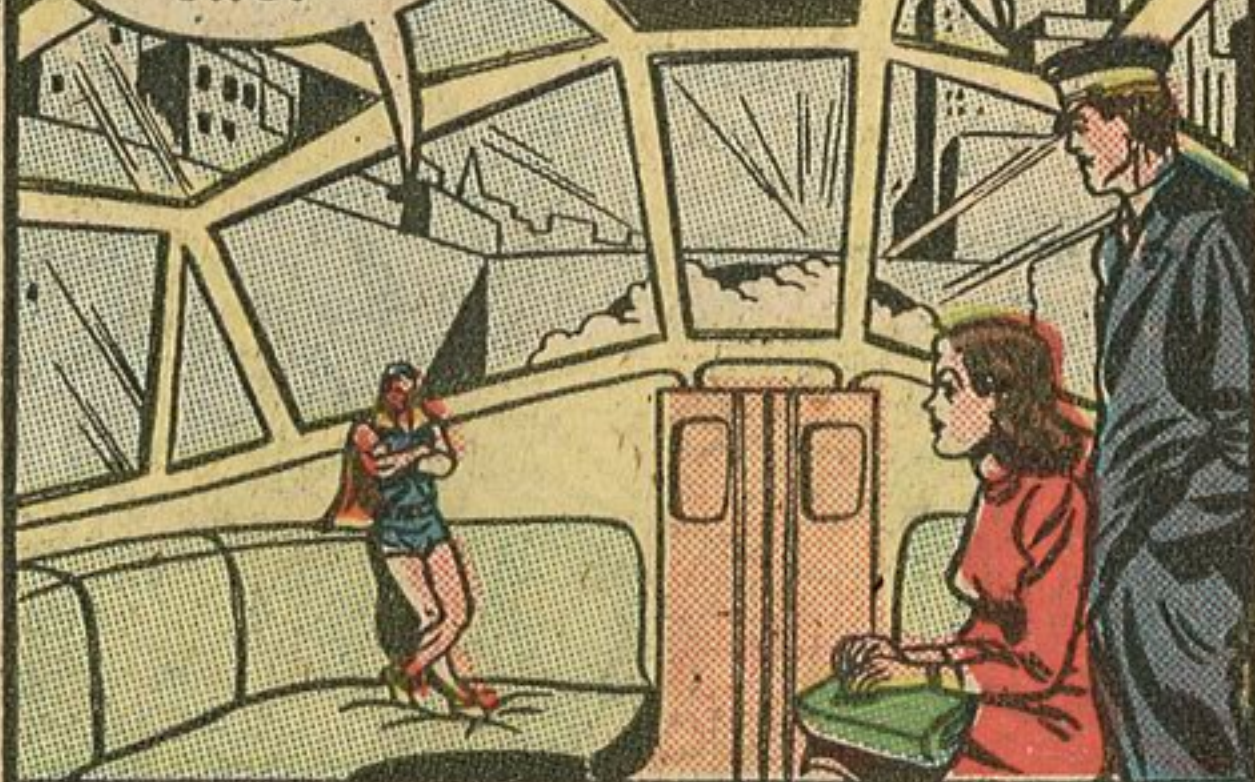
City after city falls behind the thundering wheels as the streamliner devours the distance in record-breaking time.



...but the DOLL MAN does not abandon his hunt...

I'VE SEARCHED EVERY COMPARTMENT ON THE TRAIN! HE'S NOT IN THE CLUB CAR, THE LOUNGE, THE BARBER SHOP...

HE ISN'T ON THE ROOF OF THE CARS, EITHER!



AND I LOOKED IN THE BAGGAGE CAR, MYSELF! NOTHING THERE BUT A LOAD OF COFFINS!

COFFINS!

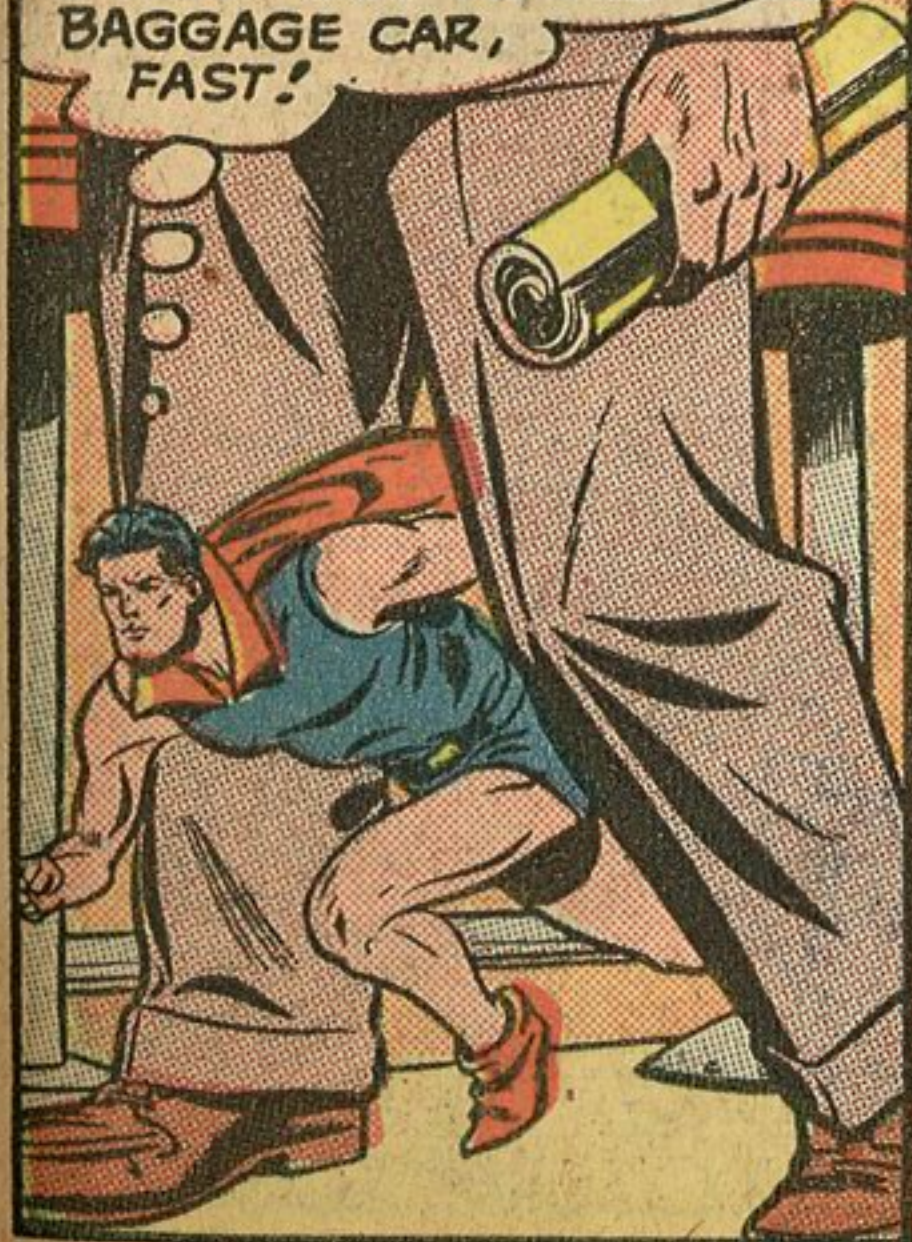


BUT THEY'RE EMPTY! THEY'RE JUST BEING DELIVERED TO...

IT'S THE PERFECT HIDING PLACE FOR THE UNDERTAKER!

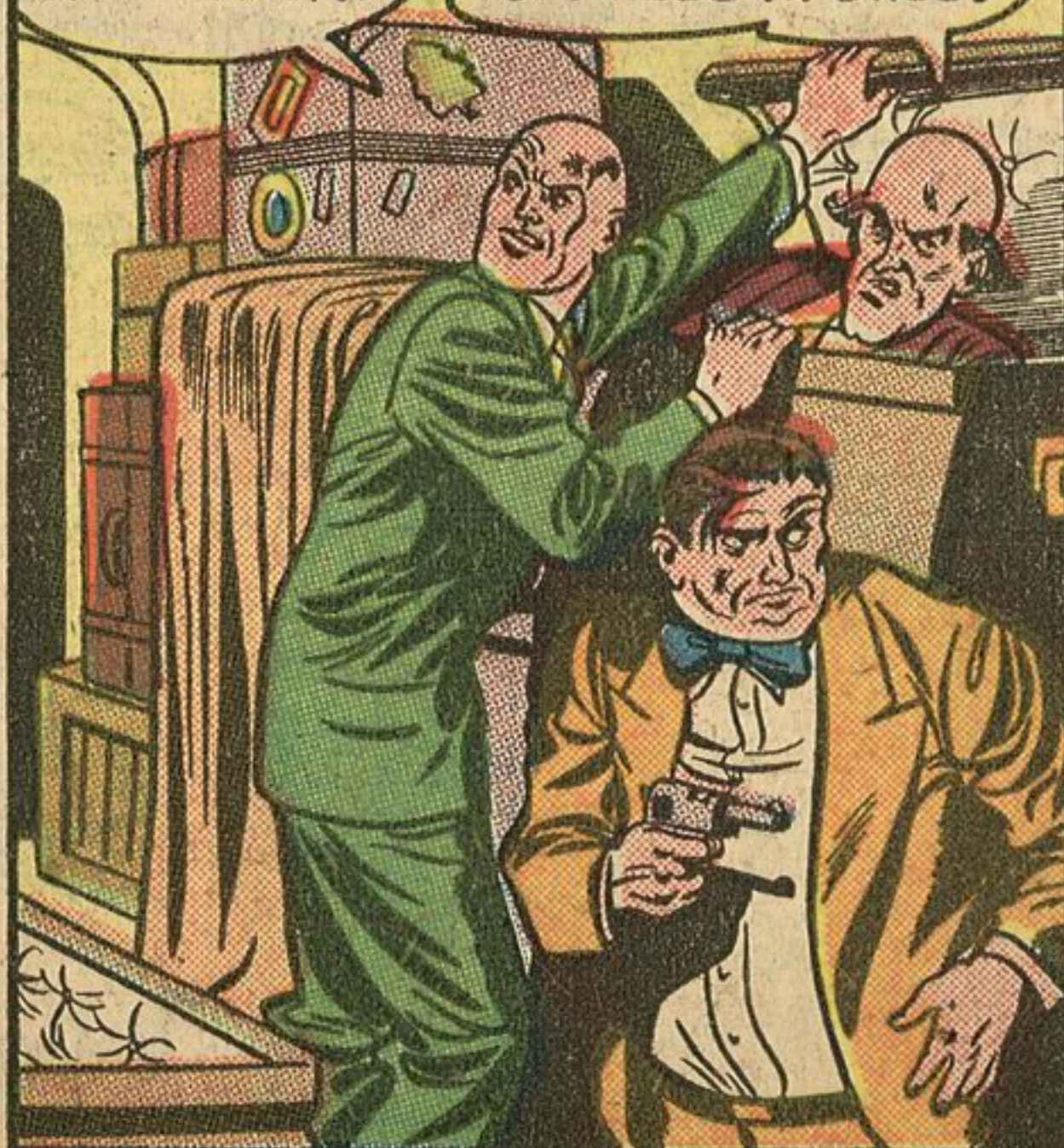


A LOAD OF EMPTY COFFINS! THEY WERE HIDDEN UNDER TARPULINS, OR I'D HAVE NOTICED THEM MYSELF! I MUST GET TO THE BAGGAGE CAR, FAST!



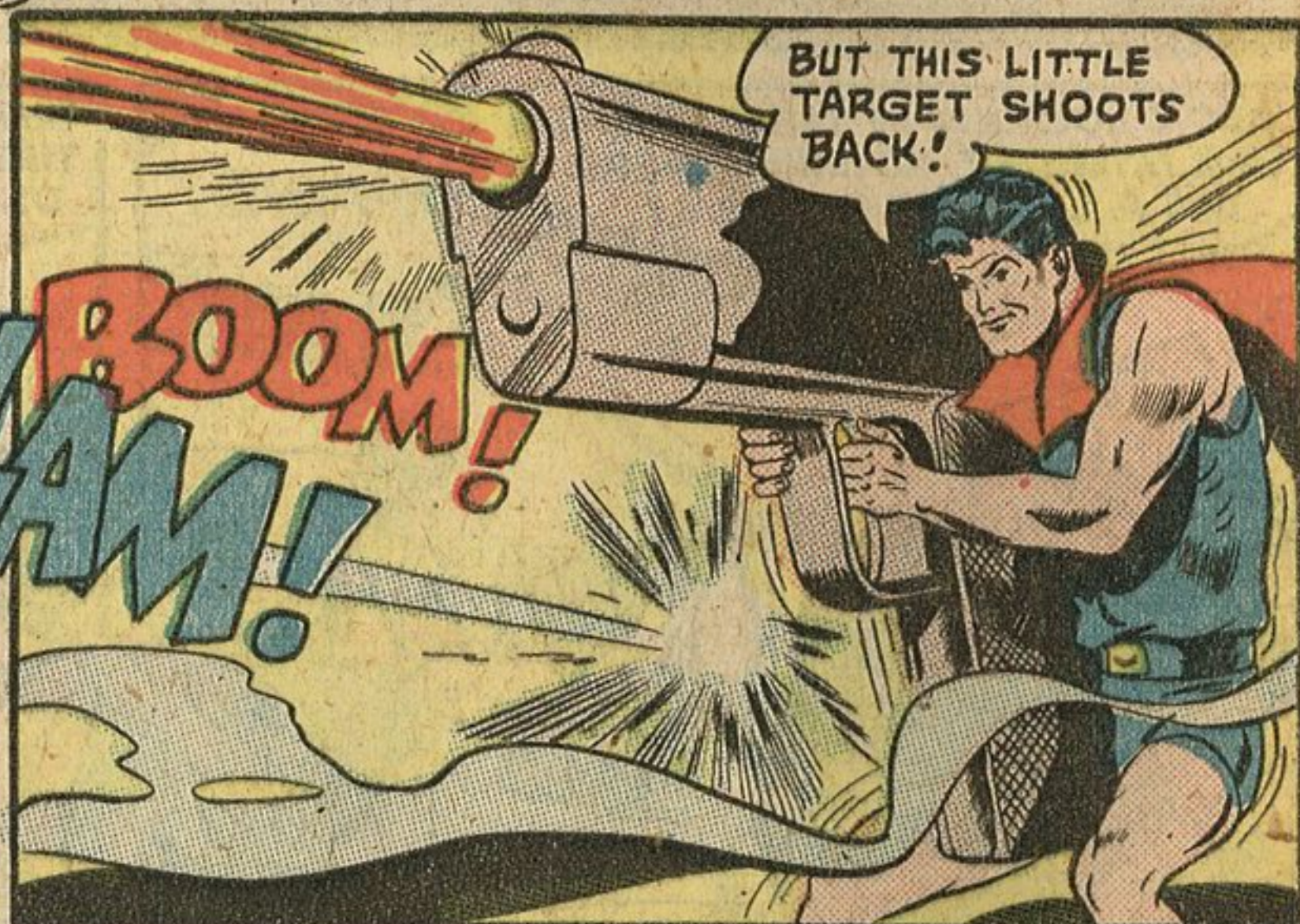
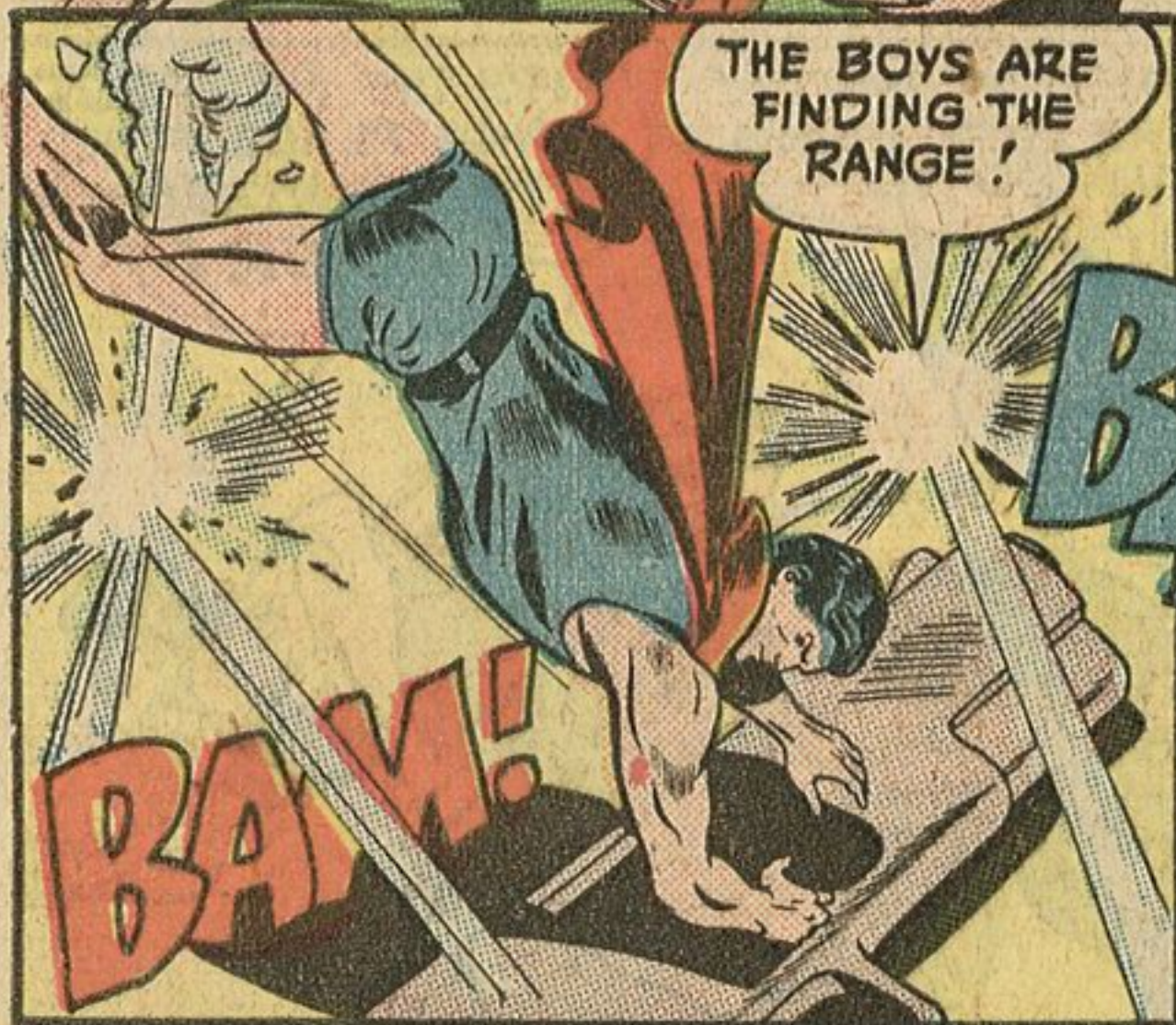
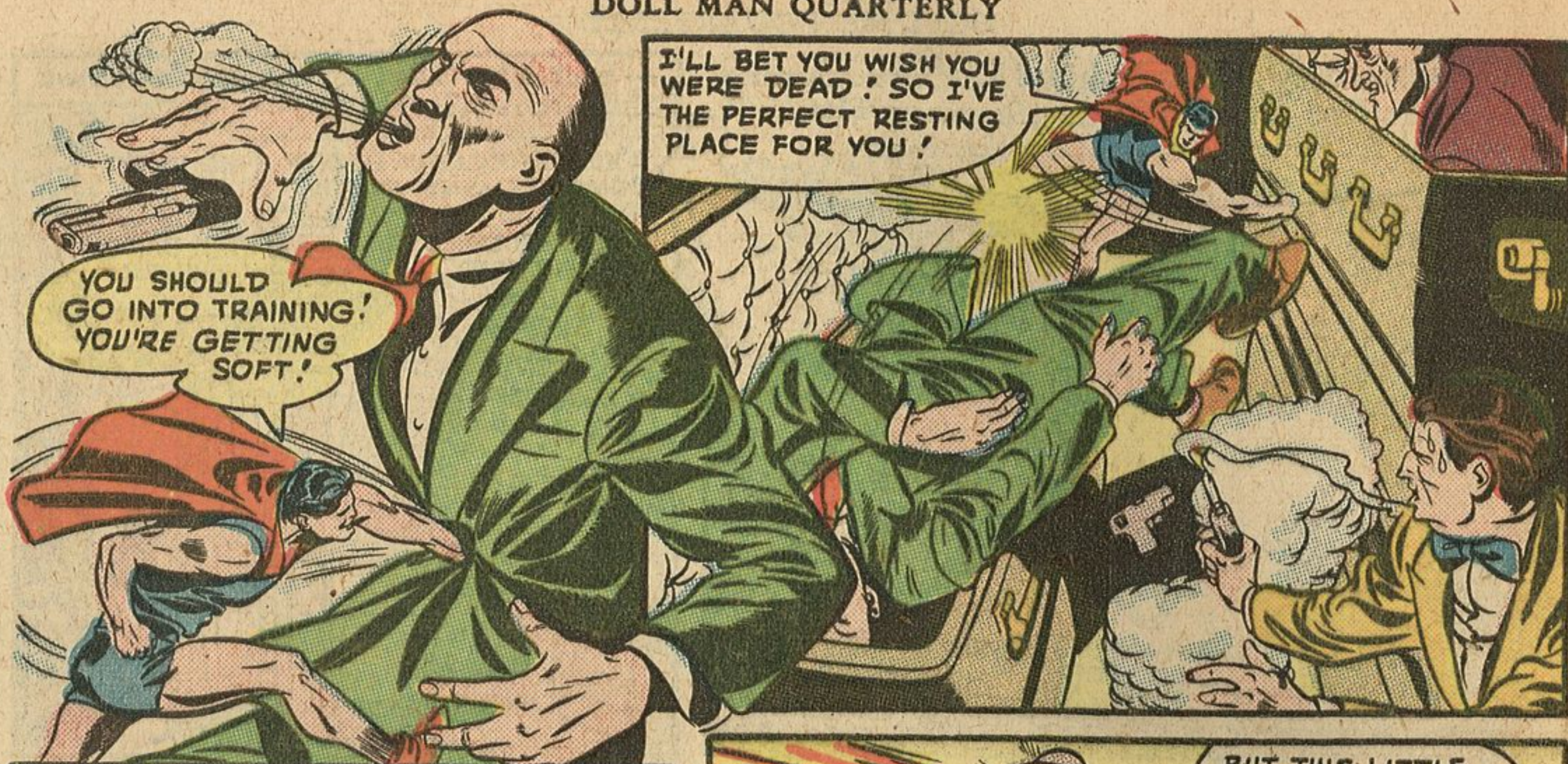
THE COAST IS CLEAR NOW, UNDERTAKER!

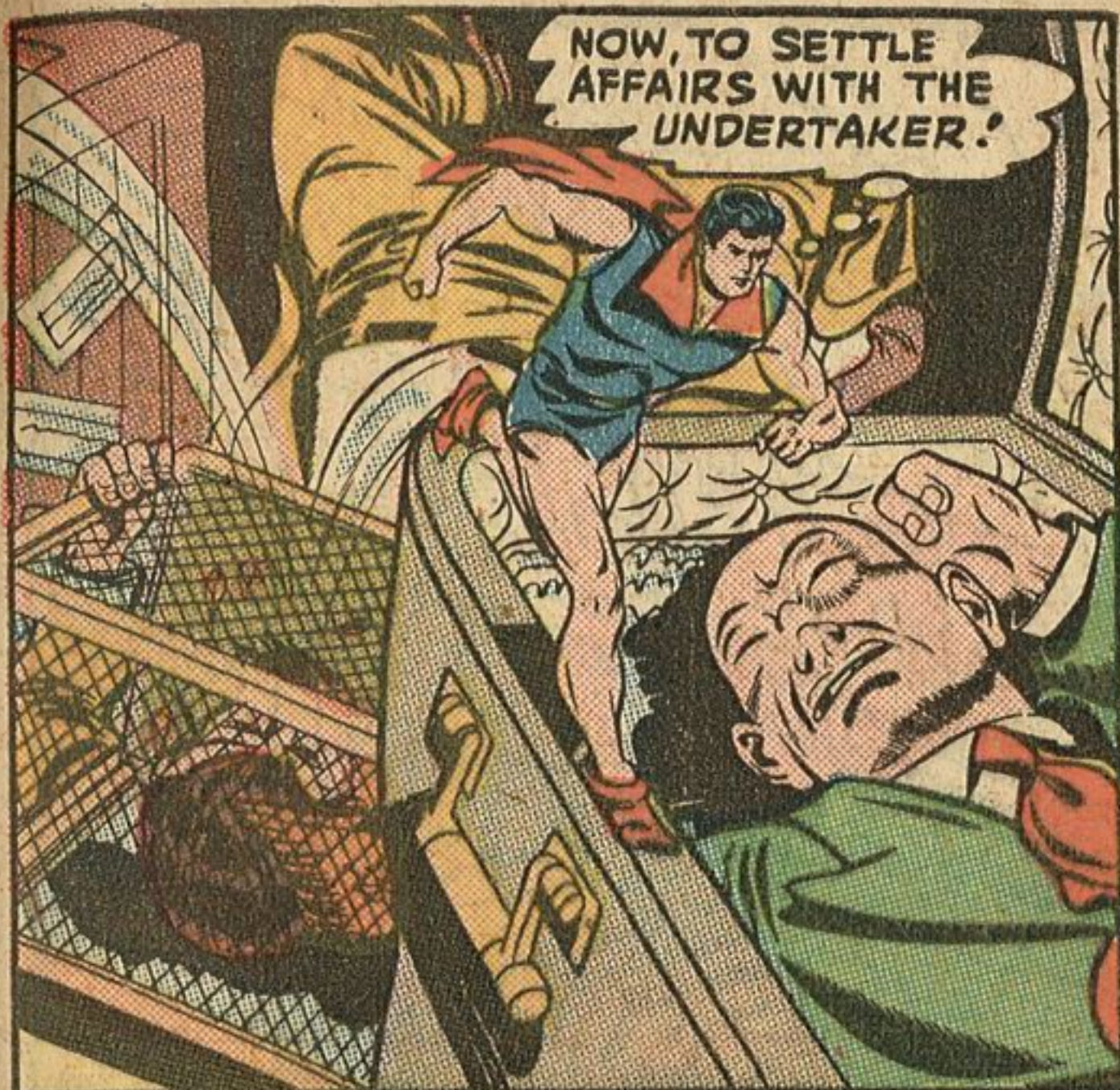
GOOD! THEN WE SHALL ATTEND TO BUSINESS AT ONCE!



FIRST, YOU'D BETTER ATTEND TO ME!







NOW, TO SETTLE AFFAIRS WITH THE UNDERTAKER!



In the locomotive cab...

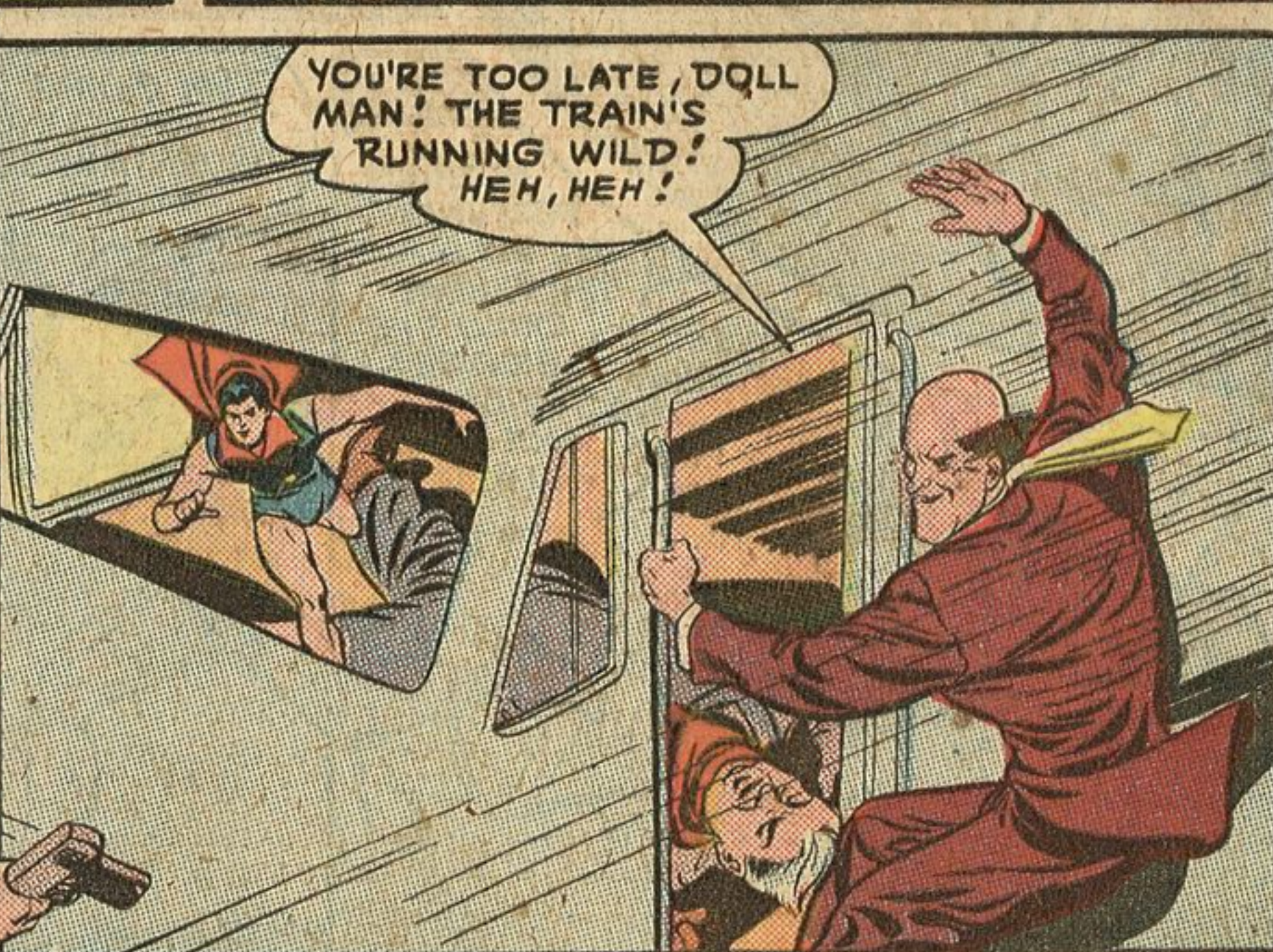
YOU'RE CRAZY, I TELL YOU! WE'RE COMING TO MAMMOTH RIVER BRIDGE!

DO AS I TELL YOU! SWITCH ON FULL THROTTLE!



BUT THE TRAIN WILL JUMP THE TRACKS! OHHHH!

I'LL DO IT MYSELF! MY ONLY HOPE IS TO DELAY THE DOLL MAN, SOMEHOW!



YOU'RE TOO LATE, DOLL MAN! THE TRAIN'S RUNNING WILD! HEH, HEH!



THE THROTTLE'S ON FULL SPEED! I CAN'T BOTHER GOING AFTER HIM NOW! GOT TO STOP THIS TRAIN!



I'VE GAINED THE DELAY I NEEDED! AND I'LL MAKE THE MOST OF IT!

Plunging toward certain destruction, the streamliner races at full speed towards the bridge over Mammoth River....

THE BRAKES!
WILL WE SLOW
DOWN IN TIME?

SCREEECH!!

NOTHING,
FORTUNATE-
LY! WE MADE
THE CURVE
ONTO THE
BRIDGE!
YOU CAN
TAKE OVER
FROM HERE!

WHAT
HAPPENED?

I'M GOING
TO WRING THE
UNDERTAKER'S
NECK!

In the ambassador's
Compartment....

THE JEWELS!
YOU HAVE THEM
WITH YOU?

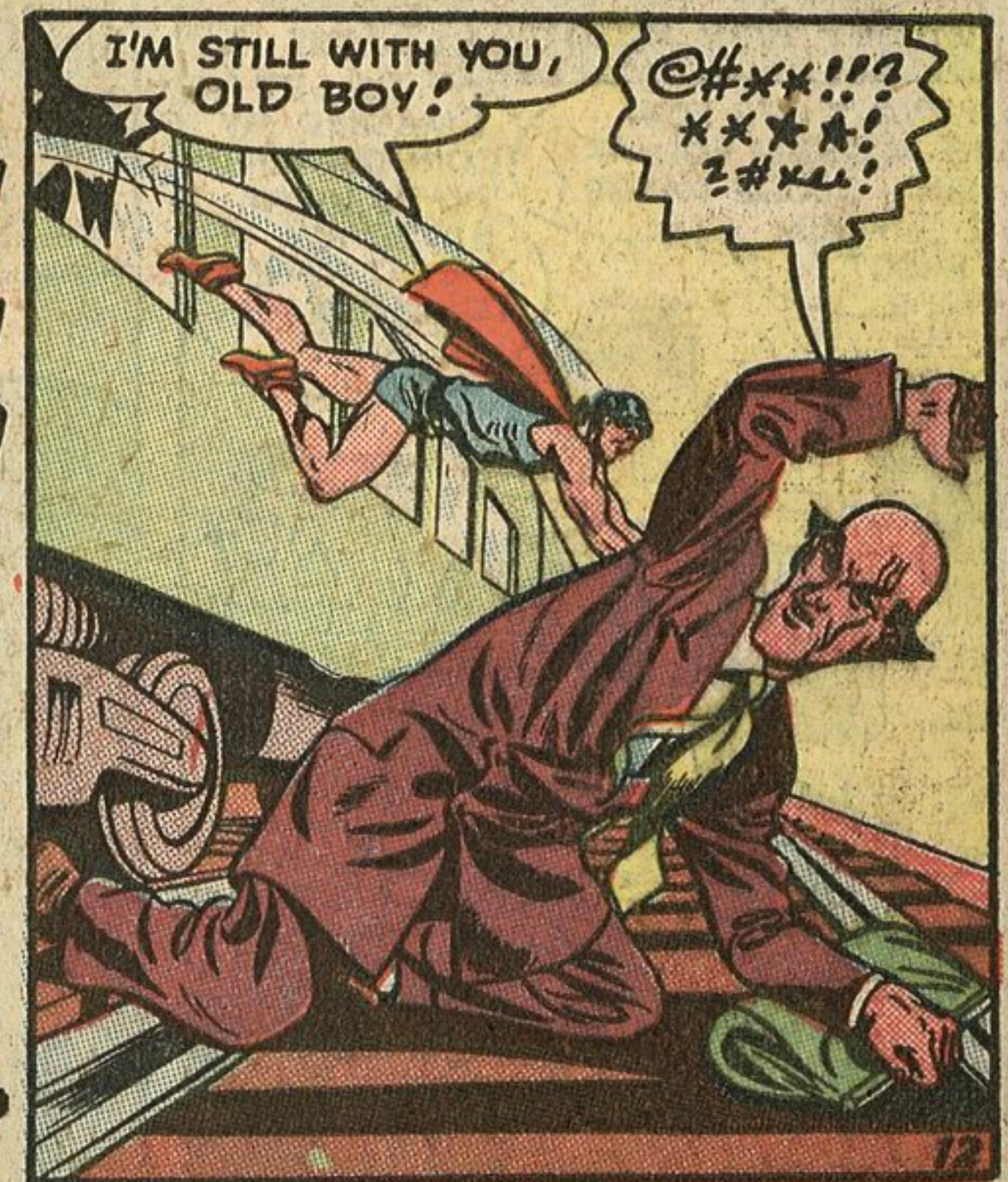
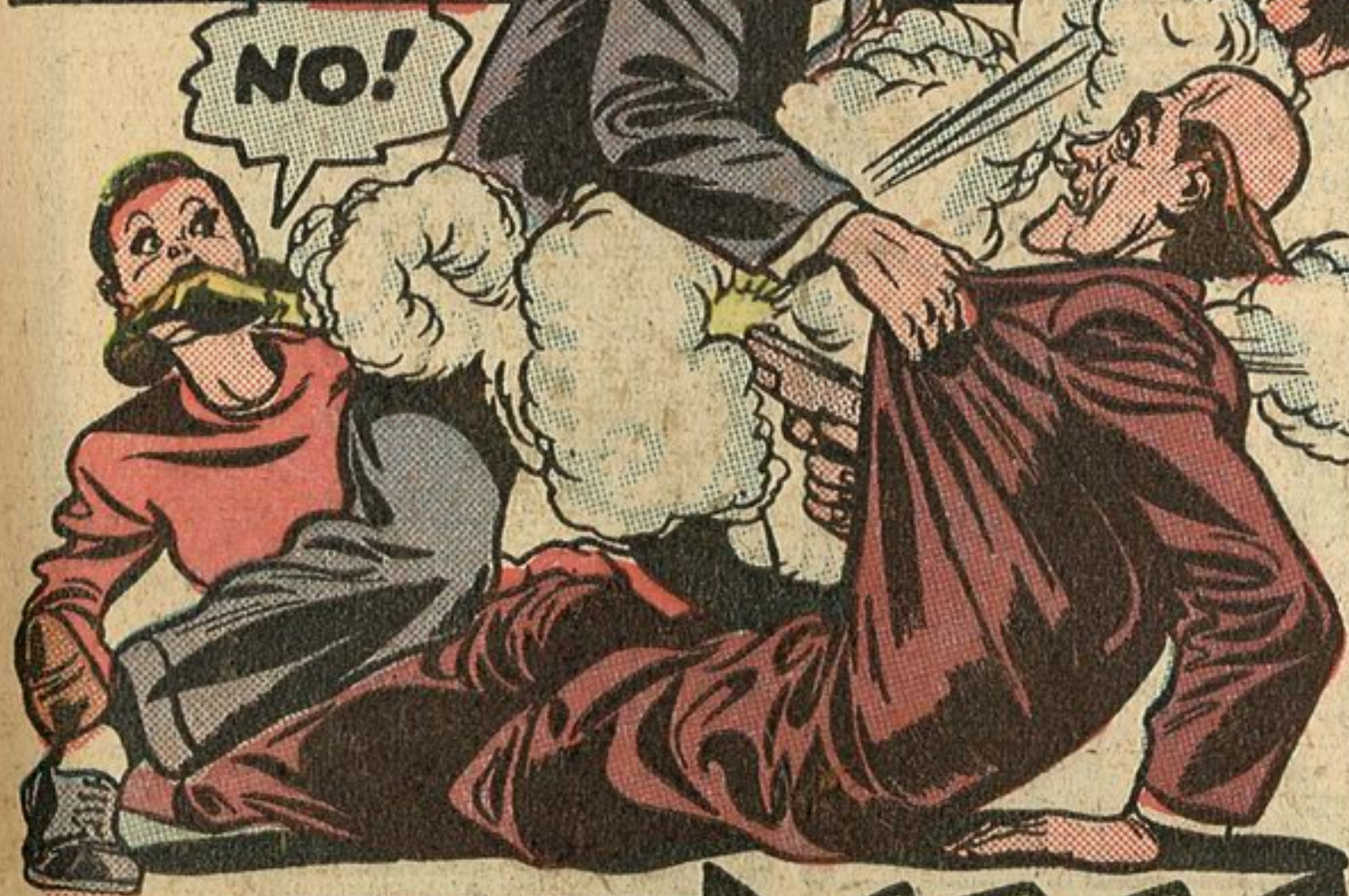
OF COURSE!
HERE IN MY BAG!
DIDN'T WE AGREE
IT WOULD BE SAFER
TO LEAVE THEM WITH
ME WHILE I MADE
THE TRIP
INCOGNITO?

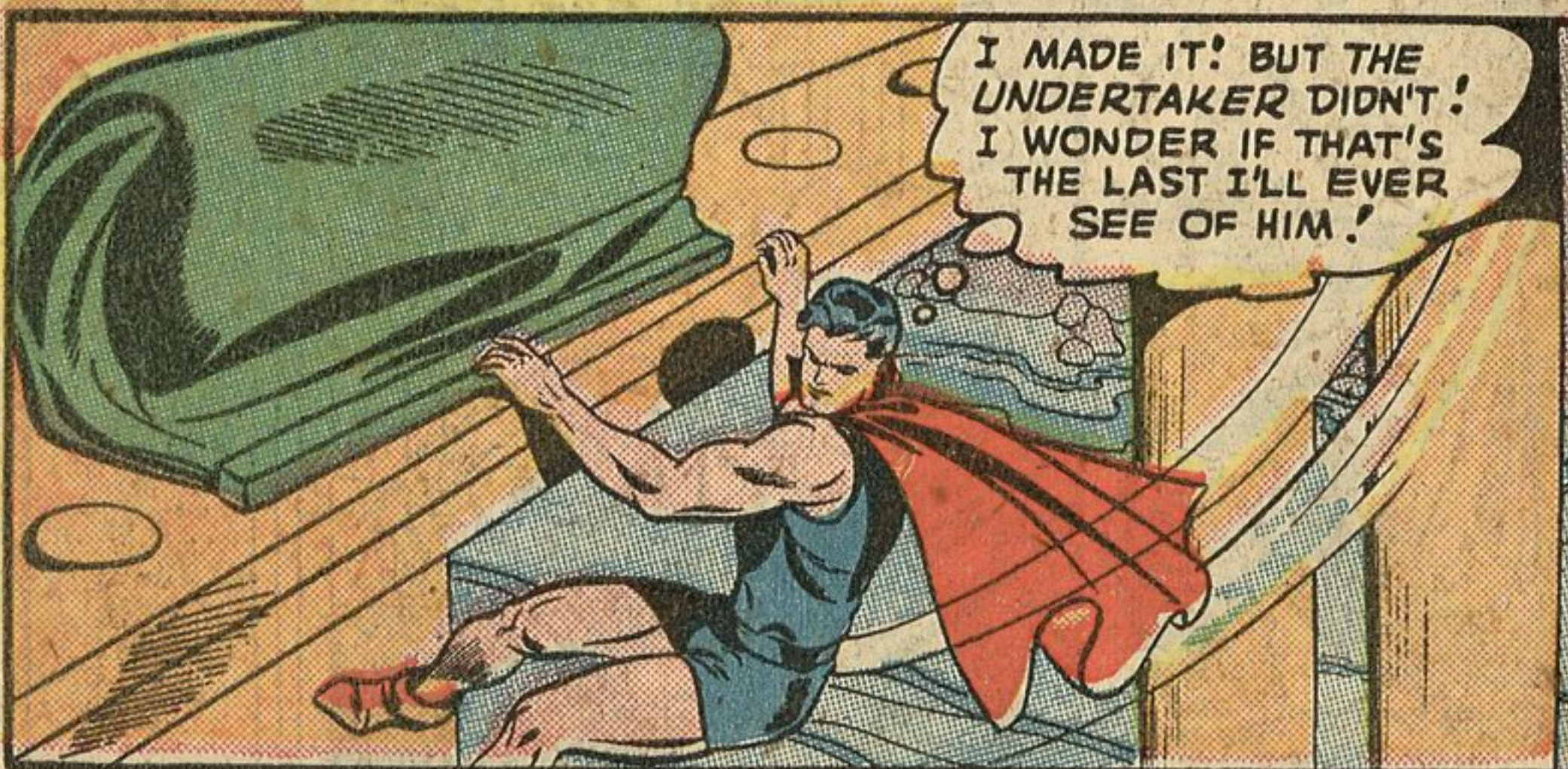
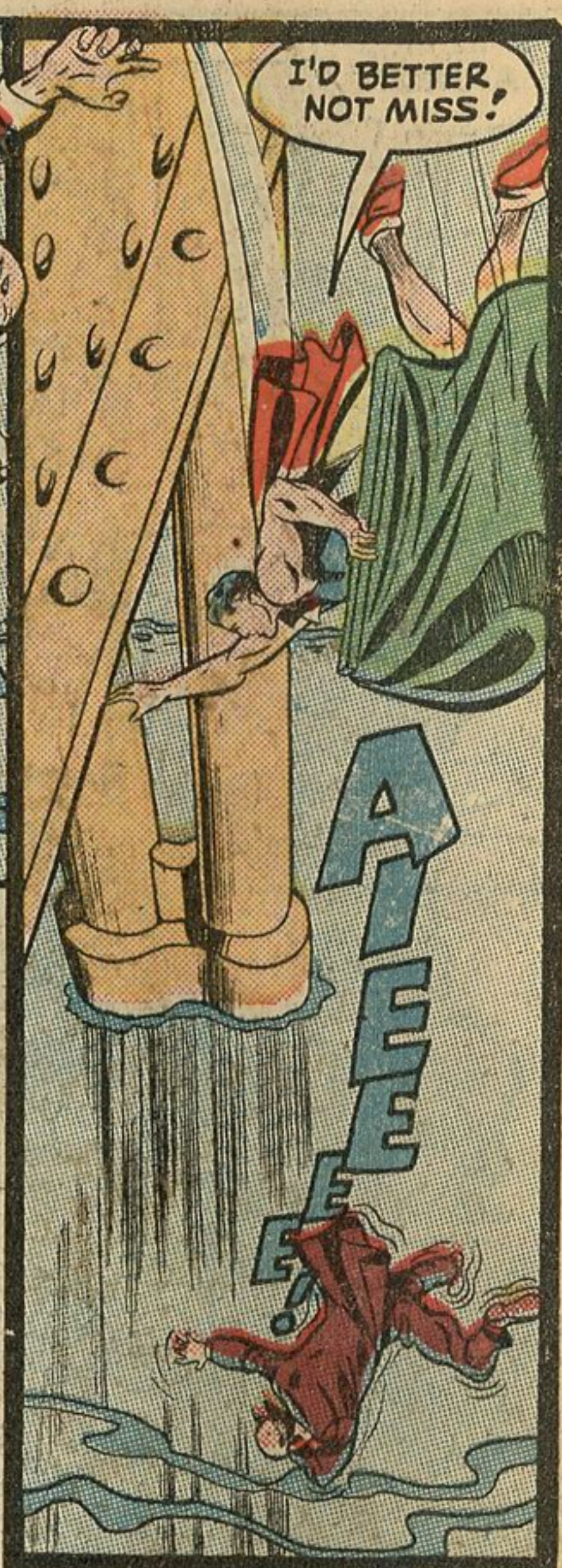
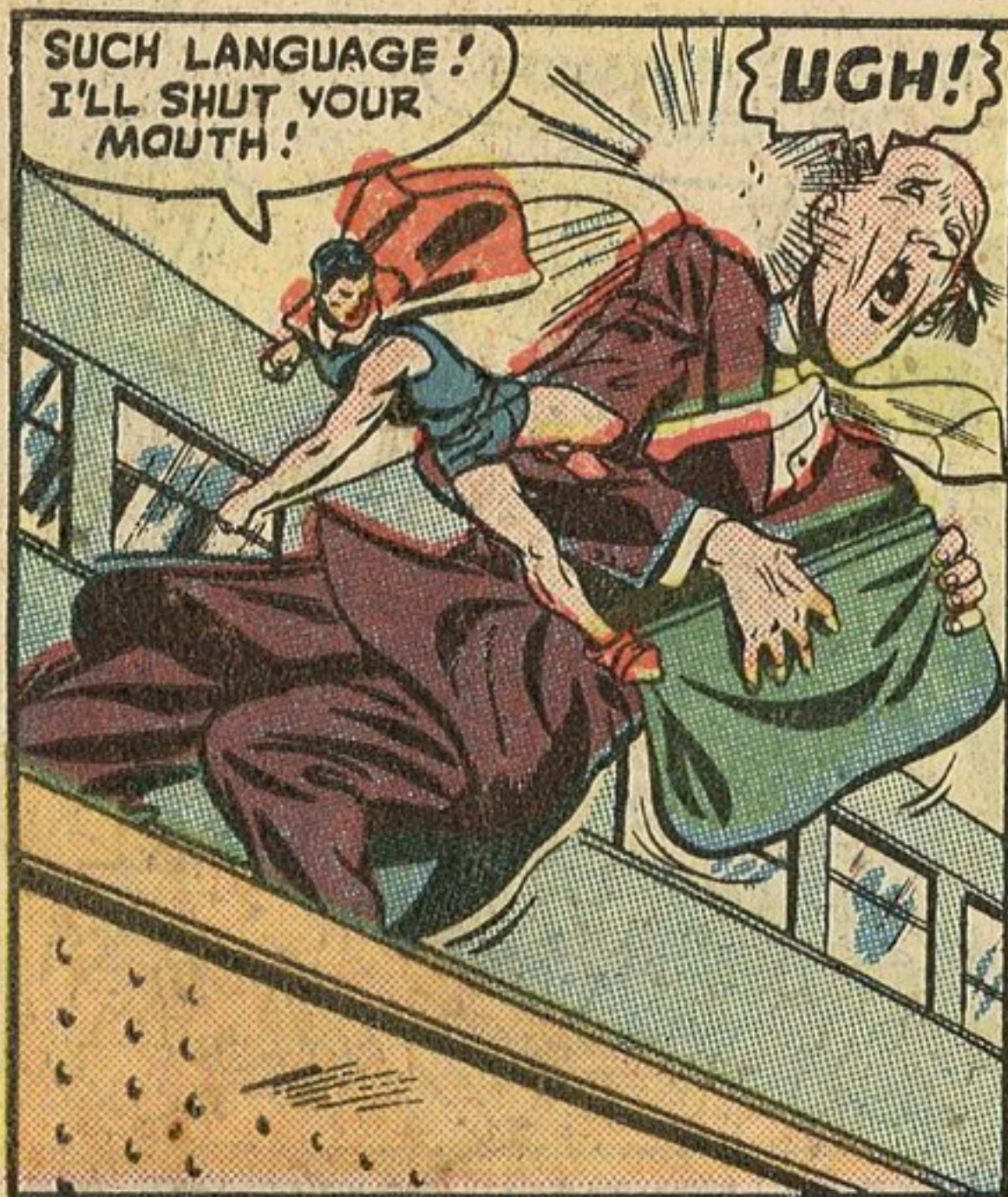
AN OLD THEORY...BUT A
GOOD ONE! THIEVES OVER-
LOOK SUCH A SIMPLE
HIDING PLACE AS A HAND-
BAG, MY PRINCESS!

BUT I
OVERLOOK
NOTHING!

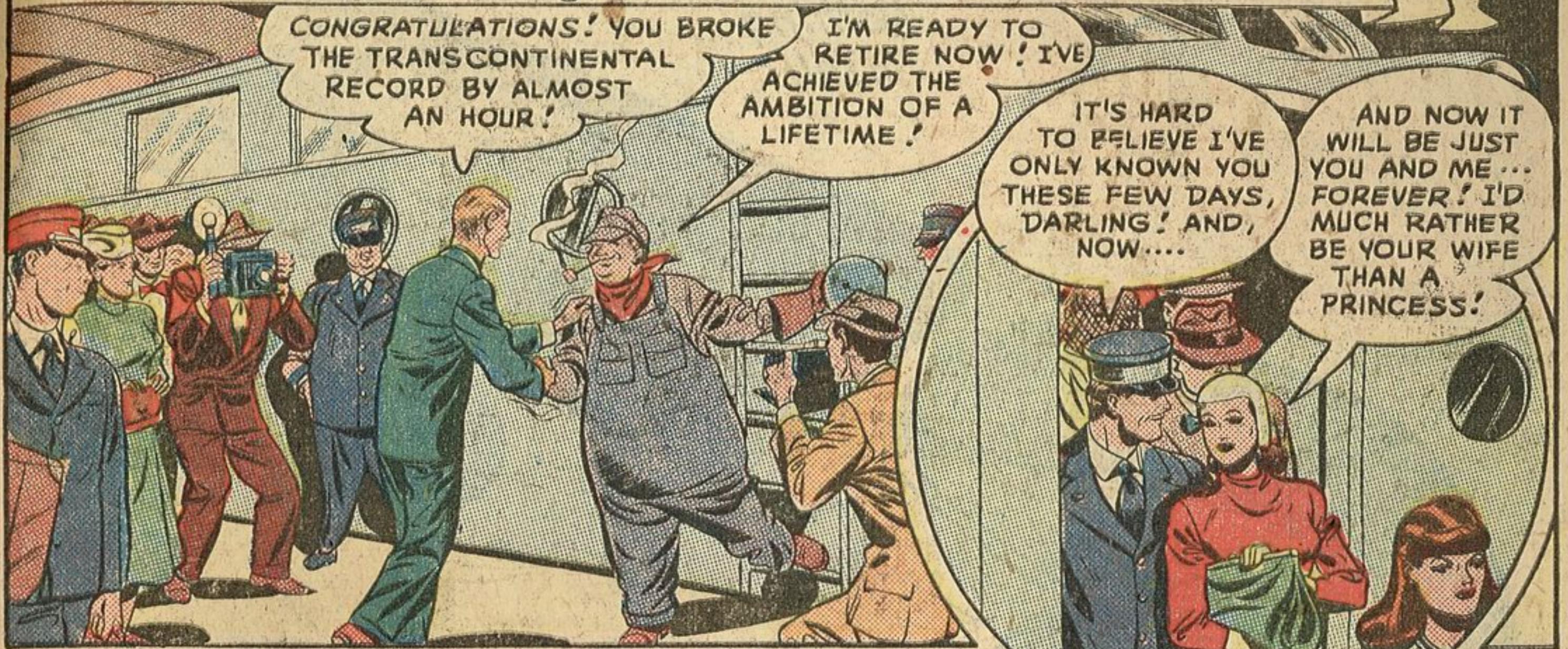
THAT IS WHY THE
NAME OF THE
UNDERTAKER
IS FAMOUS!

AGHH!

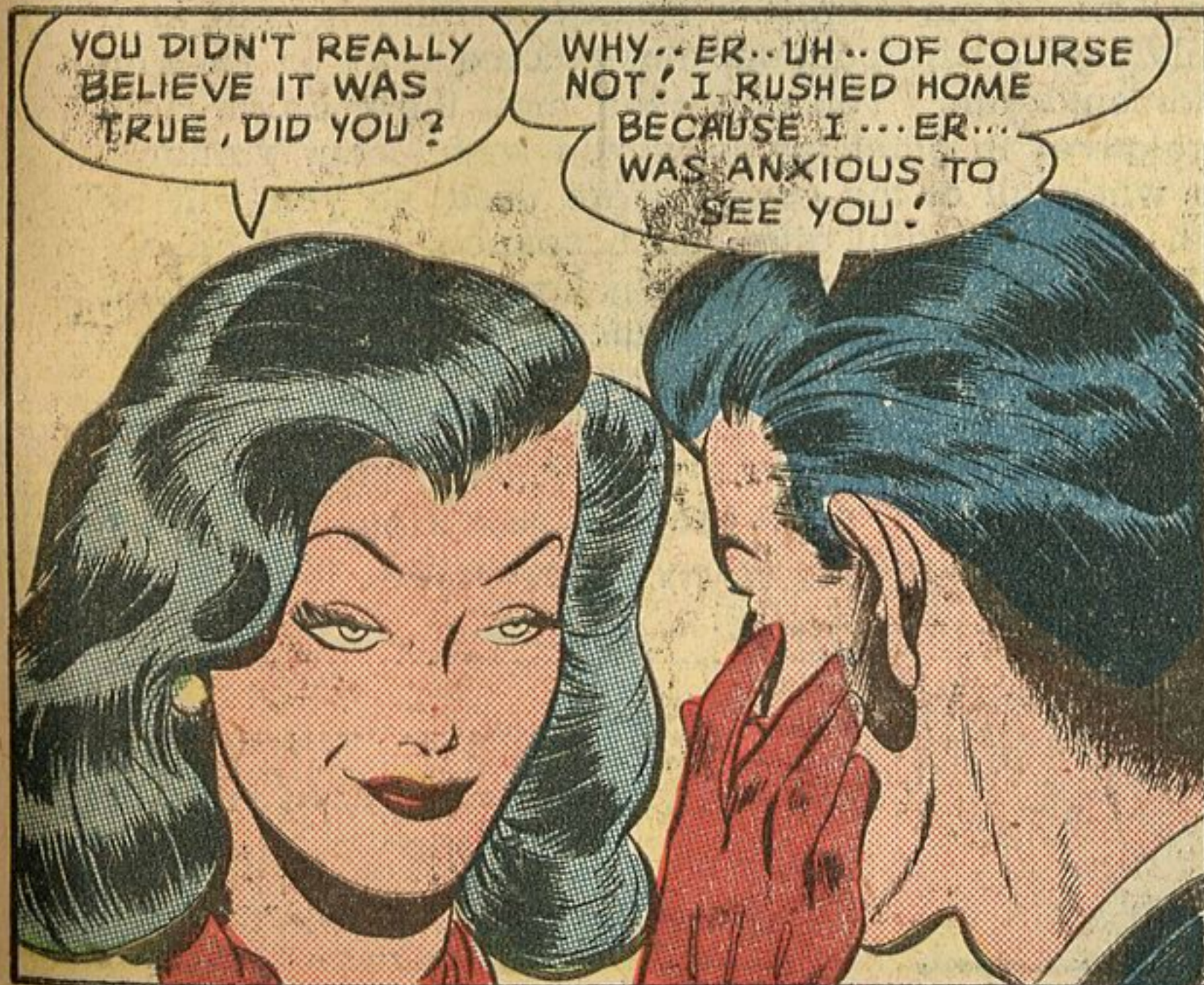
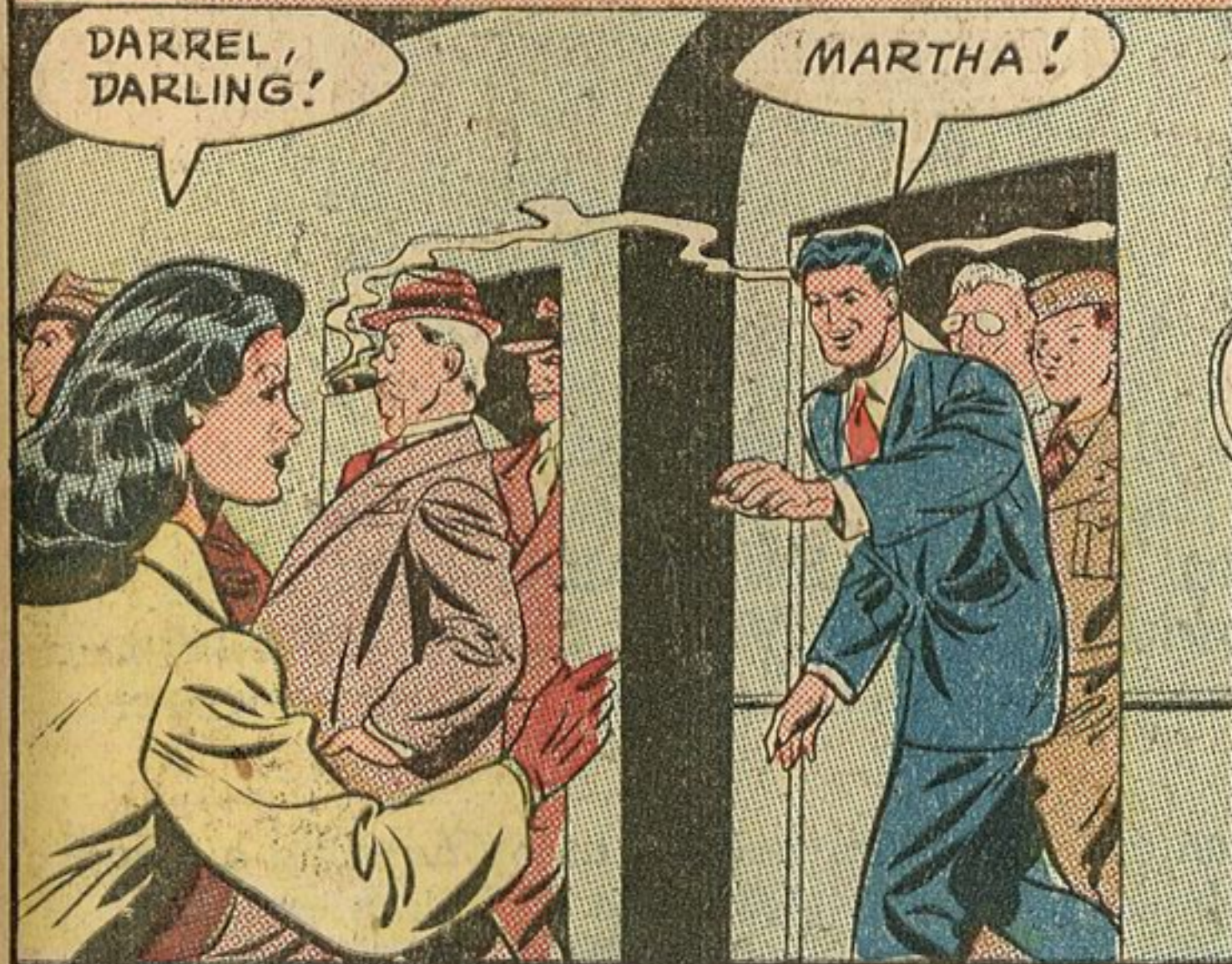




At last: the terminal in a great city... the end of an epochal run....

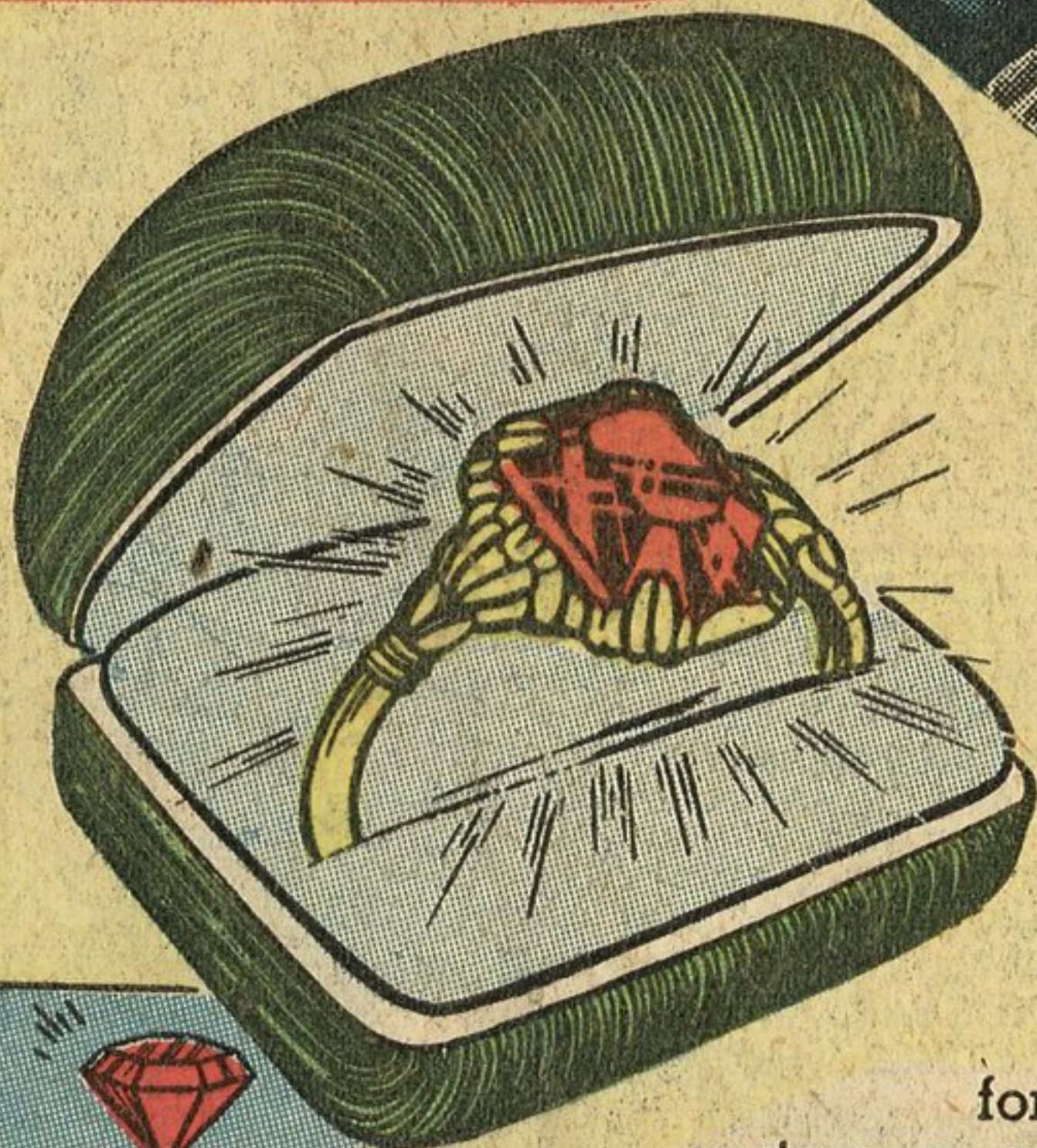


And there is a surprise for Darrel Dane, alias the DOLL MAN....



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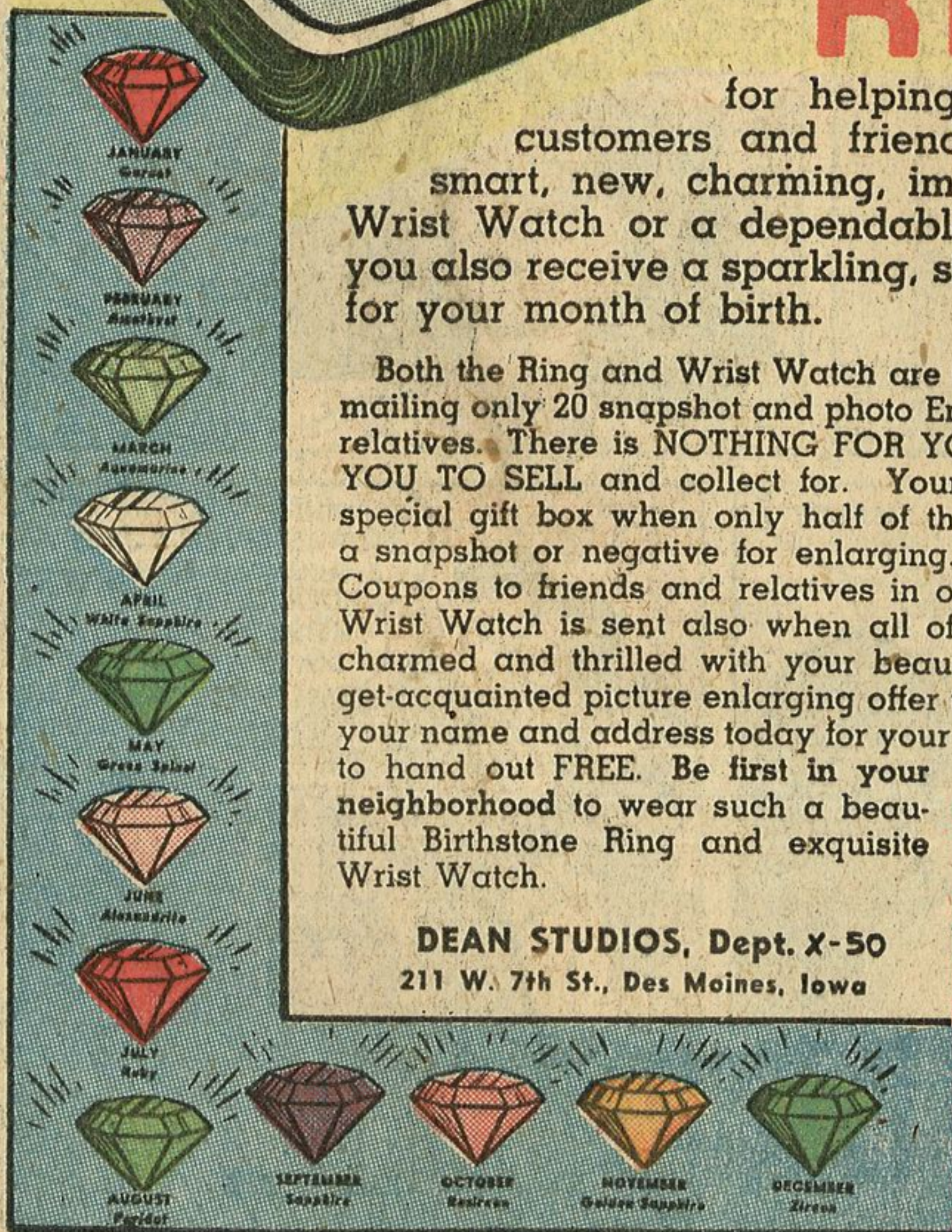
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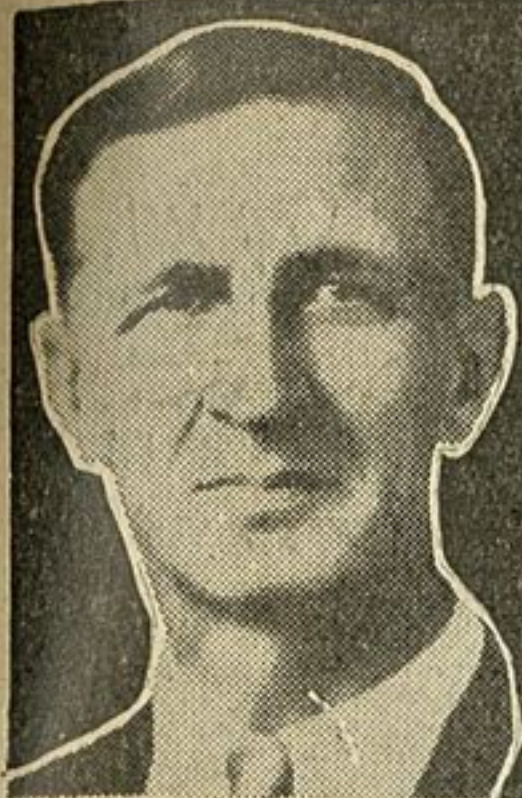
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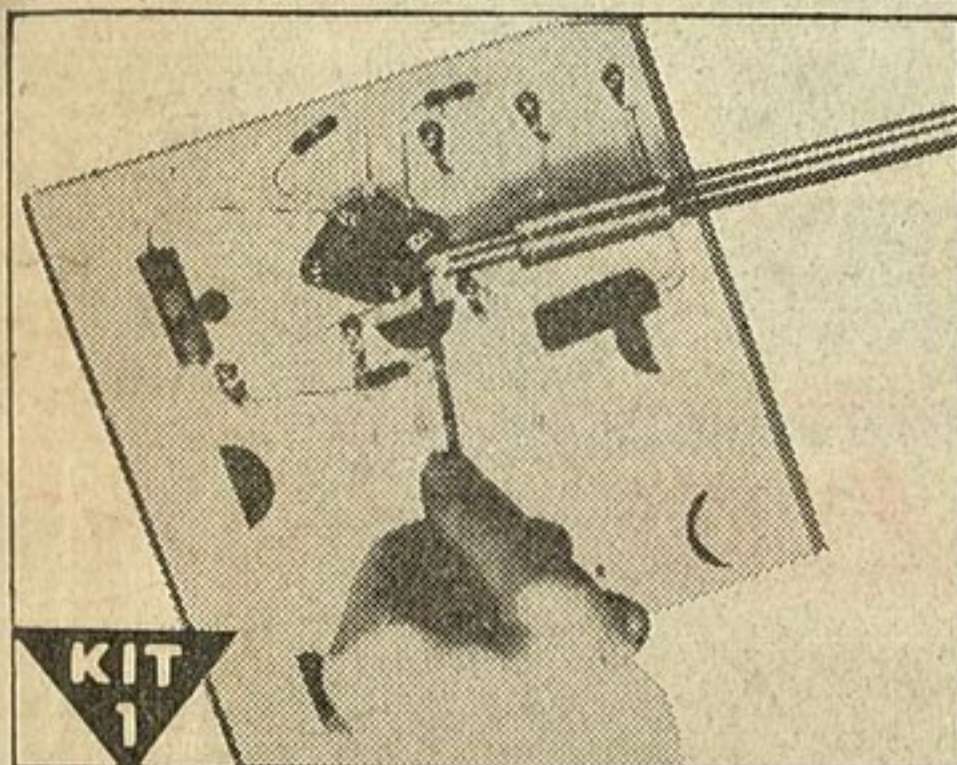
☐ Lady's Watch

☐ Man's Watch



I Will Show You How to Learn RADIO by Practicing in Spare Time

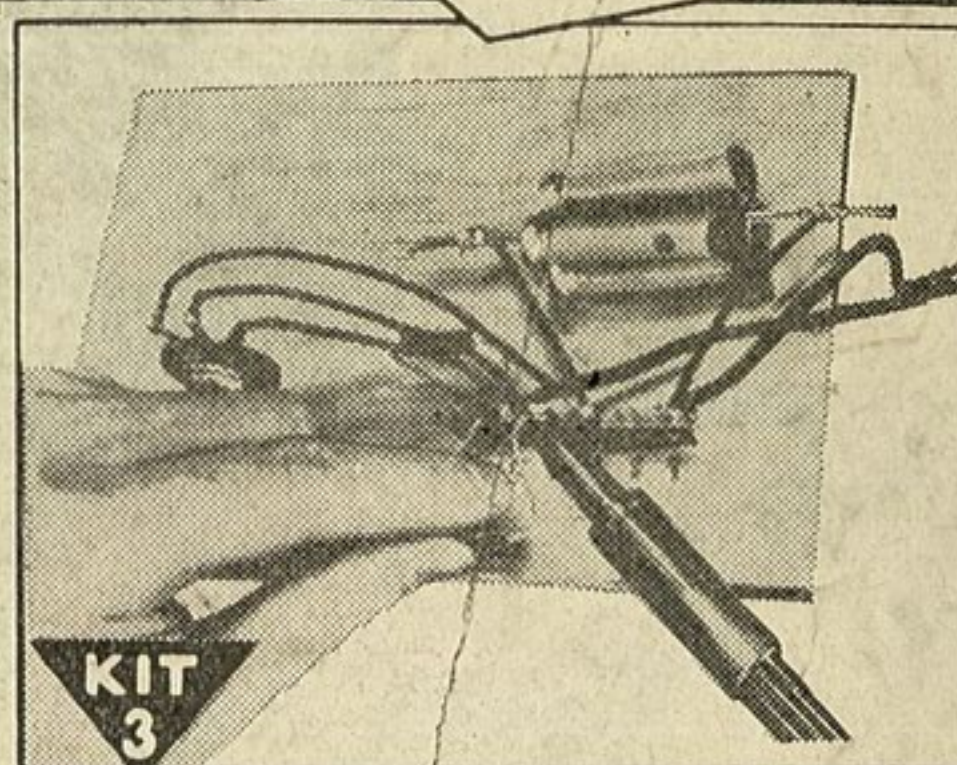
*I Send You
Big Kits
of Radio Parts*



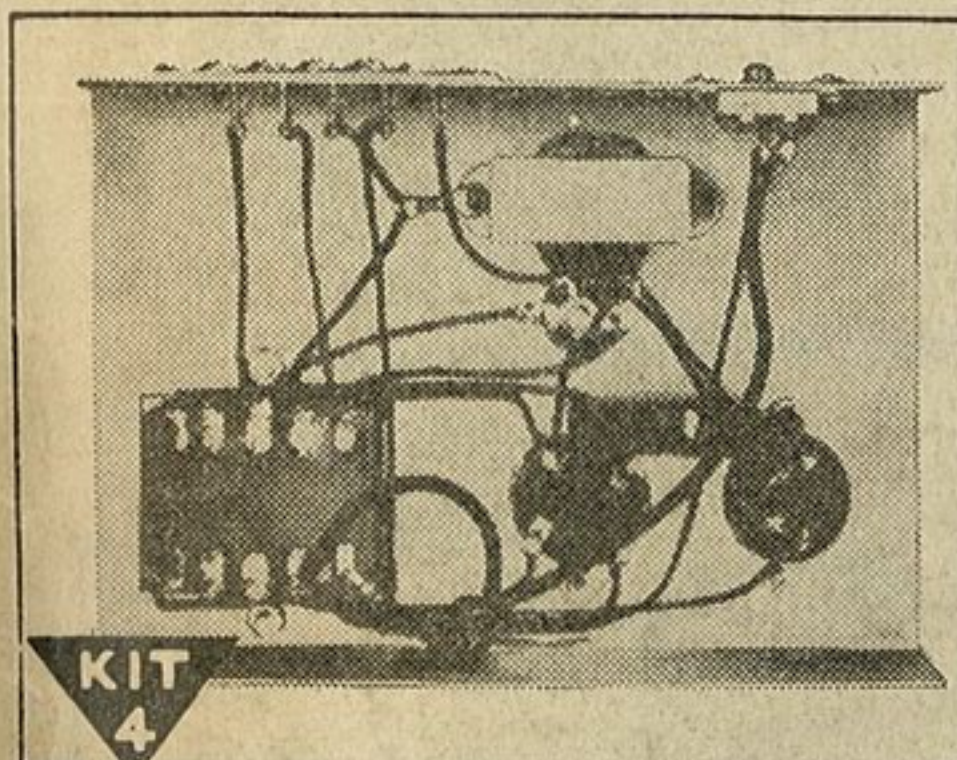
KIT 1
I send you Soldering Equipment and Radio Parts; show you how to do Radio soldering; how to mount and connect Radio parts; give you practical experience.



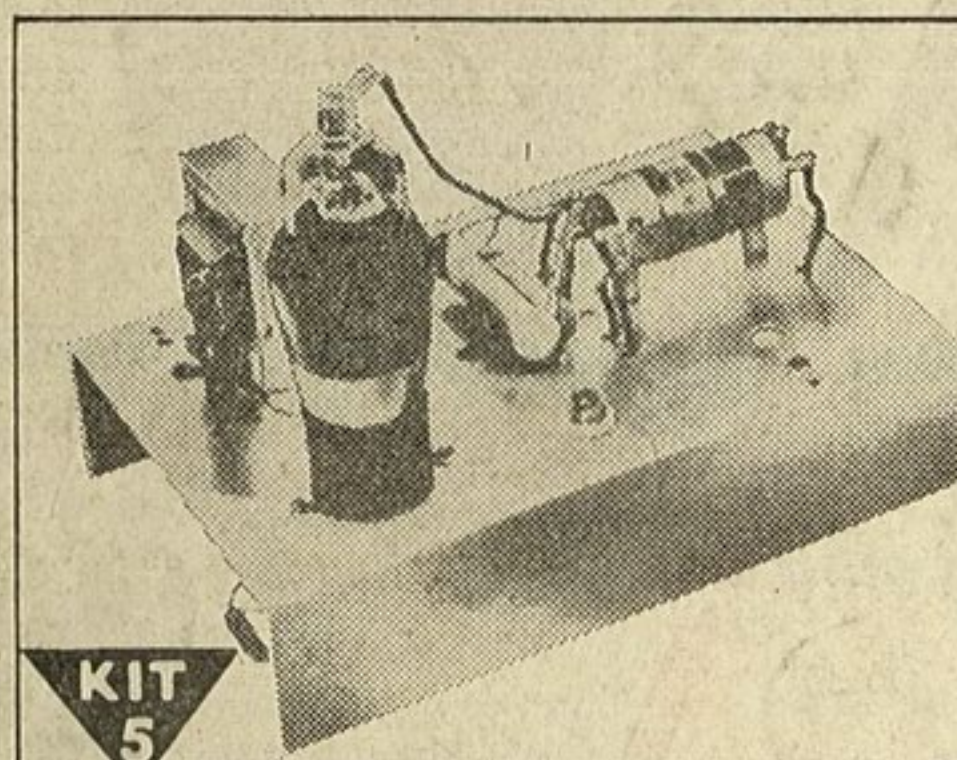
KIT 2
Early in my Course I show you how to build this N.R.I. Tester with parts I send. It soon helps you fix neighborhood Radios and earn EXTRA money in spare time.



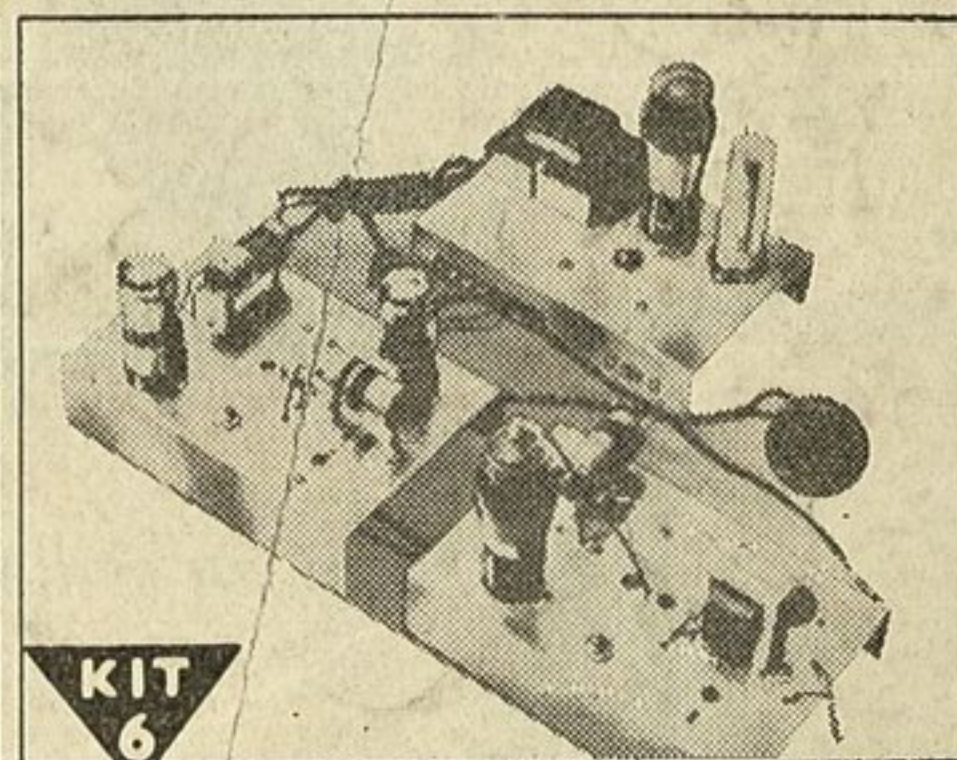
KIT 3
You get parts to build Radio Circuits; then test them; see how they work; learn how to design special circuits; how to locate and repair circuit defects.



KIT 4
You get parts to build this Vacuum Tube Power Pack; make changes which give you experience with packs of many kinds; learn to correct power pack troubles.



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Building this A. M. Signal Generator gives you more valuable experience. It provides amplitude-modulated signals for many tests and experiments.



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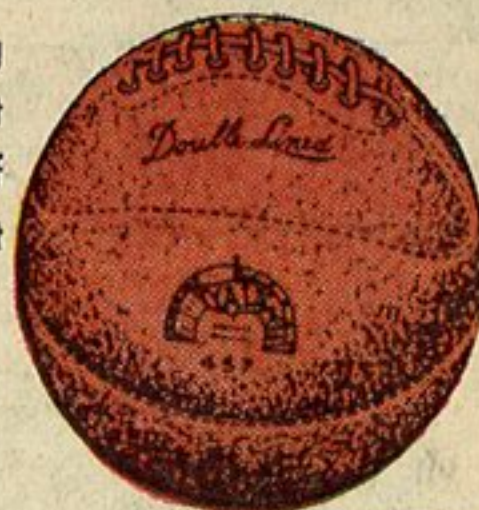


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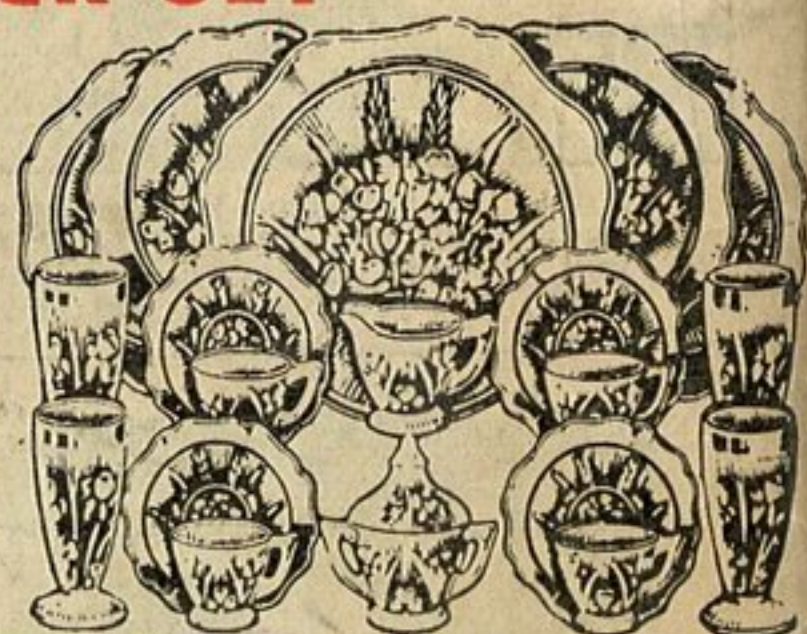
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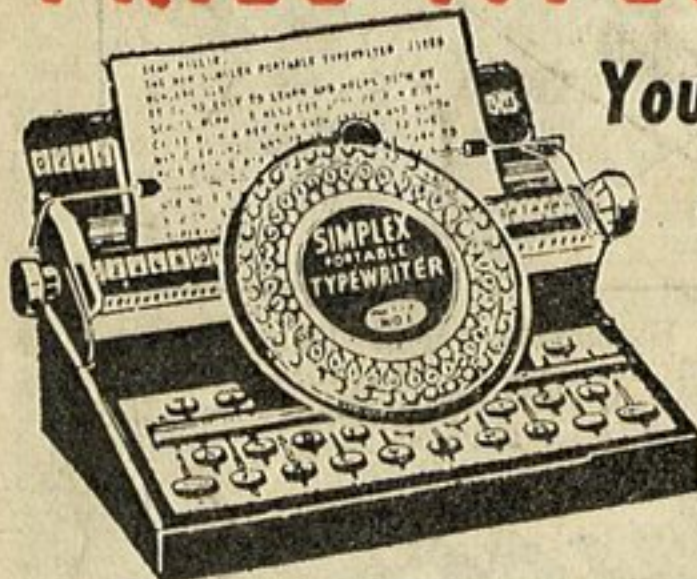
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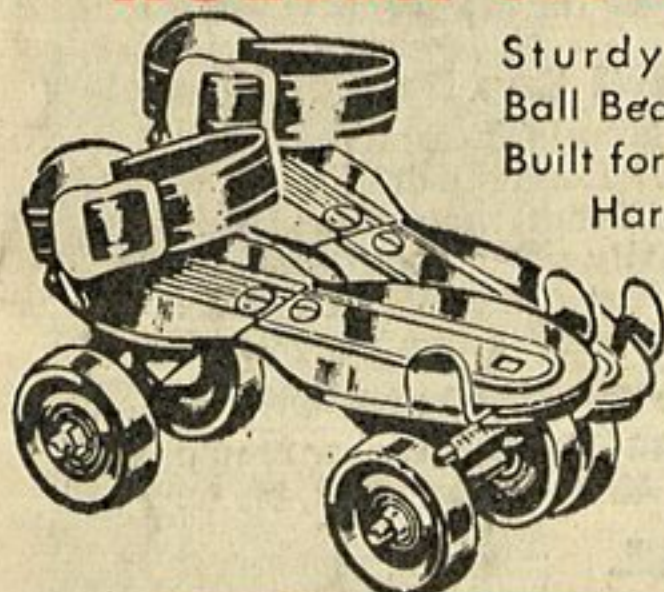


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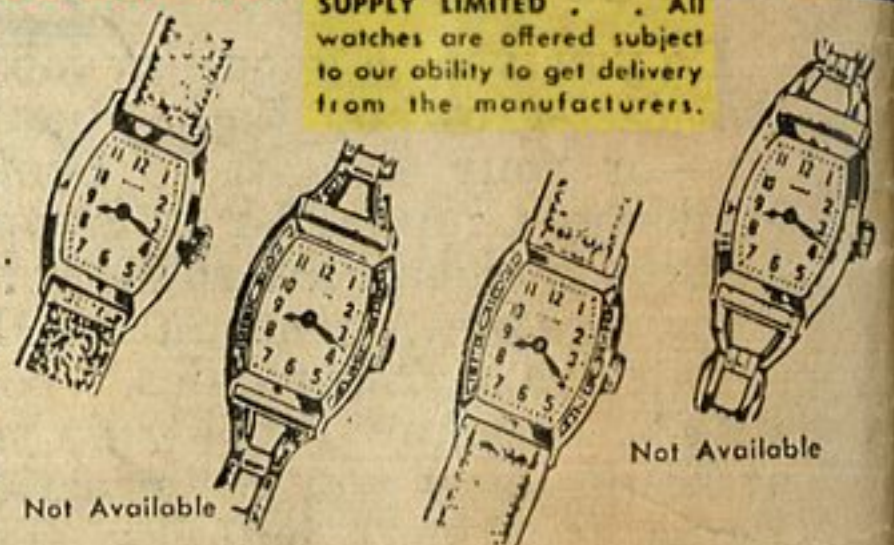


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